£28m subsidy to win £115m Polish ships order

The Government gave a subsidy of £28m to gain the order to build 24 ships for Poland at a cost of £115m, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry told the Commons vesterday. He said in the end of the 10 years in the end of the 10 years. Industry, told the Commons yesterday. He said it had warded off disaster for the British shipbuilding industry.

Tories say Britain was 'taken to cleaners'

Parliamentary Correspondent

for Industry, confirmed in the Commons last night that the Government gave a £28m subsidy to gain the controversial order to build 24 ships for Poland at a cost of £115m.

After weeks of pressure from in and outside Parliament to disclose details, he told MPs that the order had worded off disaster for the British shipbuilding industry but had not yet provided the cure. It was achieved when shipbuilders around the world were fighting to state off collanse. stave off collapse.

A Conservative censure of the Government over the matter, on a motion to reduce Mr Varley's salary by half, was rejected by 295 yours to 246, a government majority of 49. At the start of the debate on the order, Mr Varley told MPs that the state-owned British Shipbuilders would provide finance to a joint Poiss-British company through a \$65m loan raised from a consortium of bankers without government: guarantee. He amphasized that it was not provided through public funds but was borrowed

on the commercial market. There was also a guarantee by the Export Credits Guarantee Department, but that was a normal part of any export transaction. It was not more than 70 per cent of the export price.

per cent of the export price.

The arrangement provided for the ships to be sold by British Shipbilders to a company to be established in Poland, which would be jointly owned by them and the Polish Steamship Company, PZM. The company would charter the ships to PZM for neriods of 13 to 15 years.

As charge and contracts

As charge and countercharge undered about the Commons, Nott, Conservative spokes-Prime Minister of being willing for the sake of the love of one Labour marginal seat, to ski down Everest in the nude with a carnation in his mouth. Angry Labour charges that the Conservatives were trying to wreck the agreement were met with opposition gibes that the Government was being taken to the Bolish element.

the Polish cleaners.

Mr Michael Grylis, Tory
MP for Surrey, North-west,
said it was supreme folly to

Murder of

journalist

'political'

The sources said that police are working on several theories, but think, Mr Holden was mur-

dered for political reasons.
Police believe he was shot
somewhere else and his body
taken to where it was found on

she fringe of the riesert in Nasr City, a suburb of Cairo. No blood was found where the body

The sources said it had been established that Mr Holden

arrived at Cairo airport at 11

arrested all drivers who said

Belfast MP for

in Northern Ireland and in the Irish Republic.—Reuter.

rights post

was discovered.

Varley accused the Mr. Varley accused the Tories of having as their target the livelihood of every ship-yard worker in Britain.

Mr Nott replied that the Polish deal smacked of hypocrisy on a large scale. The Government, he said, was lecturing the Japanese and the French over their methods of handing out credit in international dealings and yet was extending the frontiers of shipextending the frontiers of ship-building credit and protection beyond those so far used in any other country.

Mr Nott said the Govern-ment's excuse for the Eurobond

issue, which was the most perni-cious part of the deal, was that it was purely private financing raised in the market by British Shipbuilders. That argument was wholly spurious, if not dis-

It was a means of indirectly guaranteeing the Poles by the British Government. The whole world knew that British Shipbuilders was a creature of the Government and that British government credit had enabled the money to be raised. Mr Nott concluded that the Government was acting in alliance with the Soviet merchant fleat which Soviet merchant fleet, which was using its own ships all over

subversion.
Our Industrial Correspondent writes: Speaking before the debate at a press conference yesterday, Mr Variey and Mr Kanfosan, Minister of State for Industry, defended the deal and extolled the efficiency of the intervention fund, established to narrow the gap between British and foreign yard prices Neither, however, would give details of the financing chartering terms maintaining that detailed information would hinder British Shipbuilders in

hinder British Shipbuilders in securing orders at a time of strong competition.

Mr Varley said the Government had been determined that Britain should not become the prisoner of oversees ship suppliers and that had been a big factor in establishing the fund. So far this year the fund had been used to secure orders, for 48 ships, 24 from Poland. 20 from British owners and four from other foreign owners.

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Measures to save energy introduced by Mr Benn By Edward Townsend

the end of the 10 years.

Mr Benn outlined the 11point programme in the Commons, emphasizing that to
achieve the potential savings in
full "will depend in large part
on how far the private sector
matches the steps we have embarked on in the public sector.
Higher energy prices make conservation good sense for everyone."

Among the measures, which will provide new jobs for the building trades, are better insu-lation for more than two million lation for more than two million council houses; better hearing systems in schools and colleges; the consideration of new building regulations; discussions with the motor industry to find way of raising car milage for each gallon of perrol; and the formation of an energy conservation division within the Department of Energy.

Mr Benn said that of the total to be spent in the next four years £166m would be an additional allocation of public money for energy conservation.

money for energy conservation, f93m would come from the department's present programme, and f52m would represent reinvenment of funds saved during the first four years.

By Annabel Ferriman

The Jockey Club, an all-male preserve since its foundation in 1752, elected three woman members yesterday. The club, which controls racing in Britain, took the decision at its winter meeting in London.

Although it has never had any rule to exclude women, no woman has been proposed and seconded before. The three women chosen are Lady Hallifax, Mrs Priscilla Hastings and Mrs Helen Johnson Houghcontributed to energy savings worth an estimated £2,000m over the past four years. The new measures would involve extra public spending of about £65m in 1978-79 rising to more than

Agency is to increase its spend-ing on the state's civil and de-fence stimates at a cost of £5m a year, with a total of £35m being spent on insulation and hearing controls in National Health Service buildings. Education buildings will get £10m in the complex

£10m in the coming year and £20m a year for the next three years for a similar programme; local authorities will get up to 17m. a year for energy saving schemes in buildings other than schools, flats and houses. The council house scheme will cost 128.5m a year far the next four years. The spending will be eligible for government housing subsidies.

Information and advisory services are to be set up and a Johnson Honghton trained the campaign is to be launched to persuade motorists to maintain including (unofficially). Gilles their cars and drive them more economically.

Two Thousand Goineas:

economically.

Mandatory measures have not been ruled out, such as the possibility of tax increases. The option would be to link car excise licence charges to en-

me capacity.

Talks have begun with the motor industry on manufacturing more efficient cars. Mr Beam said that the starting point for the discussions was a target of 35 miles a gallon.

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Lunch at Windsor: The Queen is flanked by Mr Callaghan and President Giscard

Appet takes will continue today, are least day of the French President's visit. Apart from a review of international and Euro-pean Community topics, the two leaders discussed possible Anglo-French coopera-

elects its

members

By Appabel Ferriman

and Mrs Helen Johnson Hough

Lady Halifax owned until last year the Swynford Paddocks Stud at Newmarket. She is on the menagement committee of the National Stud, is a past chairmen of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and was one of the first women to be appointed a local steward.

May British Patrices a half.

Mr Simon Weatherby, secre-tary to the Jockey Club, said yesterday that the time was right for the election of women to membership. When Lord Howard de Walden took office as senior steward about 18 months ago he was determined that the question should be con-sidered.

sidered. The subject had been debated for the past year. Mr Weatherby thought that now the tradition had been broken other women would be proposed at future elections.

The club's 103 members are responsible for electing stewards to administer and control the rules and discipline of racing. Women will now be eligible for election to those posts.

The Lady Jockeys' Associa-tion yesterday welcomed the

Less BBC TV

The BBC will close its two

aircraft has been under examination.

main door.

Last night, M Barre, the French Prime
Minister, arrived to join the talks and
attend a dinner Mr Callaghan gave for

The president was met at Heathrow by Mr and Mrs Callaghan and they then flew by helicopter to Windsor Castle for the luncheon. The Queen met them at the

Minister was driven straight to Chequers from his private aircraft. He made no statement on his arrival.

M Louis de Guiringand, the French Foreign Minister, and Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, also attended part of the meeting, which is the second in a series agreed between the two leaders last June.

Jockey club Nato secrets among at least 1,000 'betrayed by Bonn spy ring' first woman From Patricia Clough

Bonn, Dec 12
Vital and wide-ranging West
German and Nato military
secrets are believed to have
been passed to East Germany
in what is regarded as one of
the biggest military espionage
cases in West German history. The Defence Ministry confermed today that more than 1,000 of its top secret documents appear to have been photocopied and smuggled to East Berlin.

The documents will have the Warsaw Pact coun-comprehensive informatries comprehensive informa-tion about the structure and state of the West German armed forces, their future pleas, their crisis and stand-by errangements and their own knowledge of the state of the

About one-fifth of the docu-ments concern Nato and include "Winter general staff exer-cise in 1975. Much concerns Name logistics, including its emergency fuel plans and docu-

The dimensions of the betrayal are laid down in reports to the Defence Ministry by the federal prosecutor's office on the outcome of investigations into the activities of three members of the of three members of the Defence Ministry staff acrested in July last year.

Details of the reports were published by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung today and were confirmed by the Defence Ministry and the federal prose-cutor's office as basically

Dr Kurt Rebmann, the federal prosecutor, said the affair had done more damage from the military point of view Guillaume, personal adviser to
Herr Willy Brandt, the former
Chancellor. The discovery that
Herr Guillaume was an East
German agent led to Herr
Brandt's resignation and a 13year jail sentance for Herr
Guillaume.

Dr Rebmann said that "serious things", including state sucrets, had been betrayed. He did not elaborate.

The Defence Ministry described the case as "serious" and a spokesman said that according to investigations so far, it "seems to be one of the most serious ever to affect the Bundeswehr (armed forces)". A special commission has been act no in the Defence Ministry. set up in the Defence Ministry to evaluate the consequences.

Dr Manfred Wörner, the chairman of the parliamentary defence committee, called on Herr Georg Leber, the Defence Minister, to report fully on the case at a specially convened meeting of the committee on

Spokesmen for the opposition Christian Democrat Party des-cribed the affair as "un-paralleled" and said that if the report was true it should have consequences "in the top ranks of the Government".

The principal figure in the affair appears to be Frau

China may have seen the star of **Bethlehem**

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs

The star of Bethlehem, hitherto known only frem the second chapter of St Matthew, has come back to light as a through the pages of ancient Chinese and Korcan astronomical records.

They were looking for long-past heavenly happenings in the hope of tinding something interesting to observe: they found reports of a sudden bright star just about in the right place at the right time to have been the star of Matthew ii, 2.

The three are astronomers: ir John Parkinson of the Mullard Space Science Laboratory, Dorking; Mr Richard Stephen-son, of Newcastle University; and Mr David Clark, of the Royal Greenwich Observatory. Mr Clark, a New Zealander, has worked at the Anglo-Australian telescope in Australia, and it was his interest in mapping the southern constellations that led them to Chinese and Korean

In a paper in the December edition of the Quarterly Journal of the Royal Astronomical Society they explain that Far Eastern astrnomers were the best in the world two thousand years ago. If something strange did occur in the skies at that time they would almost cer-tainly have seen it and recorded

Some of those records have been translated and repub-lished, and a search of those available produced two positive available produced two positive sightings. In the Astronomical Treatise of the History of the Former Han Dynasty (the Chien-han-shu), they found the entry: "Second year of the Chien-ping reign period, second month, a hui-hsing appeared at Chien-niu for over 70 days". As it was apparently station-

ary it cannot have been a comet, and the period for which it was observed would be typical of a nova, a so-called new star that is in fact a runaway thermoreless employing an the thermonuclear explosion on the surface of a white dwarf in a binary system.

Then on the History of the Three Kingdoms, Chronicle of Silla (Samguk Sagi), which comes from the beginning of Korean recorded history, they found the entry: "Fifty-fourth year of Hyokkose Wang, second

appointed a local staward. Mrs Briscille Hastings, a helfsister of Lady Halifax, is a successful breeder, a council member of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association and a council member of the Racehorse Owners Association. Mrs Lady Spencer-Churchill dies suddenly, aged 92

Lady Spencer-Churchill, widow of Sir Winston, died in London yesterday. She was 92. Her grandson, Mr Winston Churchill, MP, said she suffered a heart attack while having lunch with her secretary, Miss Nonie Chapman, in her flat in Princes Gate, Hyde Park, where she had lived since Sir Winston died.

Winston died. Mr .Churchill said: "Lady Spencer-Churchill died peace-fully. The funeral will be private, and a memorial service will be held in the new year." Buckingham Palace said the Queen had sent a message of condolence to the relatives.

Mr Churchill said his grand-

mother had an operation early in the summer, after spending some weeks in hospital with abdominal trouble. "But she made a remarkable recovery. In recent weeks she had been quite well and strong, and was up and about. She had been looking for-ward to a drive in Hyde Park yesterday. This was very sudden."

news as a progressive step.

Women were given the right to hold licences as trainers in 1966, to ride as amateurs on the flat in 1972, and to ride as professionels in 1975. Last April Miss Charlotte Brew became the first woman to ride in the Grand National. Lady Spencer - Churchill's daughter, Sarah Lady Audley, cancelled a visit to an exhibition

cancelled a visit to an exhibition of her own paintings in London after hearing the news.

The exhibition opened at a friend's home in St John's Wood. Her friend said: "She broke down on the telephone after telling me not to sell any more copies of the lithograph called "The Moon Goddess",

Lady Spencer-Churchill had to sell family treasures, including paintings by Sir Winston, earlier this year to pay rent and nursing fees.

The Prime Minister said last night that Lady Spencer-Churchill was the perfect partner for Sir Winston. "Her character, dignity and charm made her greatly beloved".

Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, said: "It was with great sorrow that we heard of great sorrow that we heard of the death of Lady Churchill. Sir Winston was the first to acknowledge how much he owed to her never failing support. Their partnership was legend-ary the world over. She upheld everything we hold most dear."

Lord Thorneycroft, chairmen of the Conservative Party, said countless people in every walk of life would be saddened. She made her own outstanding con-tributions to the life of the nation in both war and peace. She was a good and gracious lady."

Sir Evelyn Shuckburgh, chairman of the British Red Cross Society, paid tribute to her work during the Second World War as head of the Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund, which raised £8m for medical supplies.

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Cadbury can raise price of cocoa by half

Carbury is to be allowed to raise the price of cocoa by half even though the company is covered by a freeze imposed by the Price Commission. It is also to charge extra for drinking chocolate, jellies and chocolate biscuits. The company has won the first interim price rises the first interim price rises awarded on food since the commission changed its rules and its chairman in the sammer.

sold for £1.01, so that its price will have almost doubled in less than six months. Raw materials account for more than two thirds of the cost of cocoa products and have almost quadrupled in price in two years.

A commission official said:

"The commission has allowed an overall average weighted increase of 7.42 per cent over the range as originally notified. by the company". Some Cad-bury products, such as jam, marmalade and Smash instant A pound tin of cocoa will bury products, such rise from £1.29 to £1.95. The marmalade and Smash last rise was in July, when it mash, are not affected.

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Captain Phillips to leave the Army for farming Captain Mark Phillips is to combe Park in the foresecable

Cairo, Dec 12.—All passengers who arrived in Cario on the same aircraft from Amman as the murdered British journalist Mr David Holden, the chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Times, have been barred from leaving Egypt while police investigate the case, police sources said Mr Holden, aged 53, was found dead last Wednesday morning about six hours after arriving from the Jordanian capital. He had been shot in the back. leave the Army next spring, future. weeks ago

Queen bought in October.

dairy cattle. Captain Phillips will take a one-year farming course at the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, from next

Captain Phillips's father said yesterday that he thought his son felt there was not much future for him in the Army. As the husband of Princess Anne, Captain Phillips is virtually harred from such places. Mr Ronald Allison, the Queen's press secretary, said:
"There are no plans to develop a riding school or stud at Gar-

Princess Anne 18 months ago, . and which they moved into with their paby son, Peter, three

There is 600 acres of land at Gaccombe Park and a further 600 acres at Aston Farm which adjoins it and which the

Buckingham Palace said yester-day. He will farm at Gatcombe Park, Gloucestershire, which the unixed farms, which grow wheat and barley and have beef and dary cattle. Captain Phillips

television networks at 11.45-each evening while talks about an overtime dispute continue this week.

Firemen poised

to reject deal After meetings of regional committees firemen seemed poised to reject the employers' final offer as a basis for ralling off their strike. Brigades in Hertfordshire and Surrey called for moves to end the strike but regional committees in the North-west, Northeast and Scotland rejected the proposed deal. The rest of the firemen's union's 14 regional committees meet today

High St sales lagging

Christmas shopping started late this year, with Government figures showing that retail sales fell back last month, in contrast to the usual November. boom. There is some evidence, however, that trade in the High Street started to improve during the last week in November Page 23.

1,500 steel jobs to go

British Steel Corporation has made a British Steel Corporation has made a significant breakthrough in its plans to close down unprofitable sectors to help reduce annual losses which are exceeding more than £500m. The unions have agreed to the closure of Hartlepool steelworks with the loss of 1,500 jobs.

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Unilever buying US group for £260m

America, in one of the largest-ever cash deals by a British-based company. Terms of the acquisition have been approved by the board of National Starch

The Conservatives gave the Government an extra balf day for discussion of the

European Assembly Bill in an attempt to foil the anti-Marketeers of all parties who would like to scrap the Bill Page 2 approach to comprehensive schools was

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Greenwood is England's new manager

pm last Tuesday, and left about one and a half hours later. He was found dead at 5 am. Taxis Mr Ron Greenwood has been appointed manager of England's football team. He succeeds Mr Don Revie on a permanent basis until July 1980. Mr Greenwood, aged 55, formerly general manager of West Ham United, has been England's Greenward four and private cars leaving the air-port are checked by police who note the vehicle's number, destilation and time of movement.

It has been established that one car left the airport carrying caretaker-manager for the past four months. He will receive an annual salary of £25,000. three foreigners, but only two were in it when it arrived at the Hilton Hotel. Police have Profile, page 2; Report, page 20

they were going to the Hilton, but did not show up.—Reuter. Terror Act inquiry

The Home Secretary has agreed to hold an inquiry into the efficiency of the Prevention of Terrorism Act and its effect on civil liberties. He has appointed Lord Shackleton, former Labour leader in the Lords, to conduct

Channel ferry strike

Paris, Dec 12.—Mr William Craig, Vanguard MP for Belfast, East, was today appointed by the 20-nation Council of Europe assembly to draw up a report on extending the European Human Rights Convention. Cross-Channel services between Britain and France were disrupted at the begin-ning of a two-day strike by French crews over a decision to transfer a ferry to British registration. British ferries The legal committee of the parliamentary sembly unanimously conmet difficulties at Le Havre and Calais. Most other ports were blocked Page 4 firmed Mr Craig's appointment despite criticism by newspapers

Unilever has announced that it is press-ing ahead with a £260m bid for National Starch and Chemical Corporation, of

l'ories aid ministers

launched by Mr St John-Stevas, who described his party as the all-in school's best friend Brussels: Mr Silkin tells other EEC egricultural ministers that there is a vital need to restrain farmers' prices 4

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flome Affairs Reporter has capitulated to critics of the scribed organization; give the Prevention of Terrorism Act, police power, with the agree-1974, and agreed to hold an ment of the Home Secretary, to inquiry into the efficiency of hold a suspect for up to seven the Act and its effects on civil days; and allow the Home Sec-

Announcing the inquiry yes-terday, he made it clear that he has no intention of getting Kingdom the Act repealed while violence citizens. by the Provisional IRA con-In a Commons written roply Mr Rees said he had promised last March, when the Act was being renewed, as it has to be every 12 months, to consider an examination of it.

He now felt the time was rine and had appointed Lord Shackleton, the former Labour Shackleton, the former Labour leader in the Lords, to conduct the inquiry. The brief covers more only the mainland but also cit's general secretary, said Northern Ireland, where the question of the use of the Act has become bound up with allegations of police brutality. It was suggested in some quarters vesterday that the Northern Ireland Office had at one stage resisted the extension of the inquiry into Northern Ireland but had been foiled. The Home Office and the Northern Ireland Office denied that there had been any difference of opinion over Lord Shackleton's brief.

after the Birmingham ome Affairs Reporter
Mr Rees, the Home Secretary,
public house bombings. Its main
provisions make the IRA a proretary to exclude suspects either from the British mainland or from the whole of the United Kingdom if they are not British

The last two provisions have brought protests, and the Council for Civil National Liberties has prepared reports examining the workings of the Act in the light of case histories.

Earlier this year the council condemned the Act as being investerday that she welcomed the inuity, to which the council would submit evidence.

Since the Act came into force and 599 of them for the full period of seven days. One hundred and ten exclusion orders were made, of which 95 were carried out. The orders were revoked in 10 cases, and the five others concerned people who were already outside the United Kingdom.

Shackleton's brief.

He will find before him an Act that was rushed through Parliament in the autumn of charged with other offences.

Five Tory MPs and five pros-

a European federal super-state and proposinga new kind of European community in which

Its author, a leading Conservative anti-Marketeer, is Mr Neil Marten, MP for Banbury.

He insisted at a press conference yesterday that he, and those who thought like him, wanted a "concord of Europe" and believed that Mrs Thatcher was moving towards that view.

was moving towards that view.

"Under the weight of the accession of Greece, Spain, Portugal, and possibly Turkey, the Common Market is likely to collapse". Mr Marten states in the booklet. "Disillusionment, disruption and bitterness will follow, causing great damage to the much needed unity within Europe."

tween nation states rather than the bureaucratic centralization

are the hallmark of the Com-

"Membership would then be possible for those countries which cannot join the Common Market for reasons of political neutrality, such as Sweden. Switzerland and Austria, and for Norway, which did not join primarily because of the federal

primarily because of the federal

and suvereignty implications."

Mr Marten and his col-leagues propose that the Euro-pean Parliament should be merged with the Council of

Europe and that the new assembly should have a "useful consultative role, working in parallel with the council of ministers".

All MPs who had allowed

their names to go forward to the Conservative European list of candidates should appounce that fact now to their con-

stituents.

Those who cooperated with Mr Marten in preparing the pamphlet included Mr Bell. MP for Beaconstield; Mr Biffen, MP for Oswestry; Mr Body, MP for Holland with Boston and Mr

Clark Hutchison, MP for Edin-

Mr Bell said: "We are only withdrawing from the specific Heath attitude to European cooperation. We have always

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The dates given do not in

fact exist, so there must have been some error on the part of the clerk. The Chinese hui-hsing can be accurately dated at 5 BC, and a likely interpre-

ration of the Korean text gives

The sightings are not quite in the same part of the sky, being separated by about 20

degrees, but the article points

out that the kinean records are likely to be imprecise and have

statement that the star had been observed "in the east".

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nations would cooperate.

By George Clark Political Correspondent.

Tories help Collapse of the EEC ministers on Euro-Bill is predicted

The Government's attempt to confect by Christmas the method of election to the Europective candidates claiming to apeak for a majority of Conser-vatives, yesterday published a pamphlet rejecting the idea of pean Assembly was resumed in the Commons last night. In fact there is so little time before the House rises on Friday for the holiday that the dish should be pressure-cooked by early to-

morrow.

At Westminster the betting is still that it will turn out to be traditional fare, with the House substituting the first-past-the-post method for the Bill's exotic recipe: the regional list system of proportional re-

presentation. Lobbies for, delaying tactics against, and other stratagems were in evidence as the debate resumed yesterday evening.

Such was the Conservatives' need to prove their European-ism that only a few minutes after castigating the Govern-ment over the Polish ship deal they had contributed to the Govdiscussion, the better to foil the anti-Marketeers of all parties who would like to scrap the Bill.

Last night, the Government first had to watch the commitue over clause one of the Bill before Mr Rees, Home Secretary, could move that clause three should be considered before clause

Debate was thereupon planned on that motion. Only with its successful passage, not expected before early today, could the Commons debate clause three and amendments to it, at the start of business

today.
Clause three provides for cleeting the British European Assembly members (whose number is specified as \$1 in number is specified as of in clause two) by the proportional representation system set out in clause four, part two, namely the regional-list system.

However, clause three, sec-However, clause three, section two, would authorize the House, by subsequent resolution, to replace the regional list for the simple majority system in Great Brirain, leaving Northern Ireland with its present proportional representation system, the distinct, single transferable vote.

Nine amendments have been tabled so far, variously wrecking, or altering clause three to make the traditional list man-

The Government, which has recommended the PR system of

election by including it in the Bill, is, like the Conservatives, supposedly permitting a free

The Liberals, for whom PR is a just cause, are hoping that Mr Callaghan has made clear that he will disapprove strongly if any of the hundred-odd "payroll" vote of ministers and roll" vote of ministers and junior ministers vote against

But there is little confidence anywhere among the PR advo-cates that it will be carried. On the opposition side, senior Concryatives believe that their members who favour PR will of produce even a third of the

er, screngto of 261 Mrs. However, several members of the hadow Cabinet are said to be retain to vote for PR. Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Heath and Lord Hone of the Hissel, tried last night to persuade Conservative ViPs, against the official party "ine, that the best way of en-suring that the European direct elections are held on time is to note in favour of PR in the

Mr Heath, sneaking at a priree meeting of MPs, said that, aced with the choice of two in any case evidently been copied from fuller documents that do not survive. But both positions and with Matthew's had systems of election. "our mein task is to maintain our

position in Europe as a Euro-That could be done only by supporting the regional-list nean party

Lord Home said the regionallist system offered the best chance of meeting the deadline, hough the choices were not to mers in the For East would have

his liking. Most of the speakers, how ever, favoured the first-past-the-

Pit swing in favour of incentive schemes

By Ronald Kershaw Northern Industrial

A swing in favour of incentive bonus schemes showed yes-terday in coalfields throughout the Midlands and the North despire the national ballot result which had a majority against such schemes.

The most surprising outcome was in north Derbyshire, where the area council decided to seek an area incentive agreement. In the national ballot about 65 per cent of north Derbyshire miners

opposed incentives.
In Yorkshire, where Mr
Arthur Scargill, the Yorkshire
miners' president, campaigned against incentives, the news was that 4,000 miners at six col-lieries had decided to seek an incentive scheme. No observations were forthcoming from Mr Scargill's office. Leaders of the National Union

leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers, at Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, formally requested the introduction of incentive bonus schemes. South Derbyshire and Leicestershire declared in favour of incentives and Staffordshire miners said have considered to operate indithey wanted to operate indi-vidual pit-by-pit incentive

Durham and Northumberland miners will meet the National Coal Board tomorrow to discuss "the nuts and bolts" of incen-tive schemes. Work-measure-ment has started in south Derybshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire pits, so that retrospective payments may be

made to miners
In Yorkshire, Glasshoughton,
Savile, Sharlstone, Newmillerdem, Lofthouse and Newmarket
Silkstone have indicated that they want incentive schemes. Development teams in other

as secretary of the graduate school at the end of the month. There to honour her were great names from the past like Lord Robbins and Sir Roy Allen and the present director, Professor Ralf Dabrendorf, who was the host.

Professor Dahrendorf is just one of many famous men Dr Bohm dangled on her knee metaphorically speaking, during their intellectual adolescence. Others include Mr Pierre Trudeau ("He liked the good life. I did not spot him as a future Prime Minister of Canada"), Professor Daniel Patrick Moyniban, former United States Ambassador to the United Nations ("Ebullient, lived well, fairly full of himself, a great friend"), and our own Mr Bernard Levin ("Just marvellous at taking off Harold Laski, whom he dearly loved").

Dr Bohm, a refugee from the Carner we where she Yorkshire pits as yet unnamed.
have expressed a desire for
bonuses.
Kent action: The Kent area
executive of the Nud decided unanimously yesterday to seek a High Court injunction against the national executive over allowing area productivity deals (the Press Association

reports).
Scortish miners' delegates yesterday voted 19 to seven in favour of a resolution condemn ing the national executive.

Republican move to deprive priest of prize fails

From Christopher Walker

Efforts by hard-line republicans to force Pather Michael MacGrell, a Dublin-based Jesuit sociologist, to hand back his share of the £1,500 Christopher Ewart-Biggs Memorial Prize have been defeated. He says a break should be made with the now outdated concept of the Treaty of Rome. "It should be revised on the basis of free cooperation be-The annual award, estab-lished to encourage Anglo-Irish understanding after last year's murder of the former British

Ambassador, was presented jointly to Father MacGreil for his book, Projudice and Toler-unce in Ireland. Father MacGreil's acceptance

of the award infuriated some members of the influential Gaelic League. But a statement disclosed that attempts to force his resignation from the league's national executive had been dropped. Youth shot dead: The Army

was uncommunicative yesterday about the circumstances in which Mr Colm McNutt, aged 18, a Roman Catholic from the Creggan estate, was shot dead, yesterday in William Street, near the republican Bogside district of Londonderry.

The Army said only that soldiers had been involved in a shorting and that no deadle. a shooting and that no details would be issued until a police inquiry had been completed.

Man in the news: Ron Greenwood, English football's new leader

Technician of international spirit takes over

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

Greenwood, whose appointment as manager of England's football team until 1980 was announced yesterday, was not always an obvious choice. In his 17 years as manager of West Ham United he was respected rather than known. Fellow managers thought of him as the principal of an educational establishment, and some players, and certainly the press, sometimes felt he enjoyed keeping them at the back of the class. He

was, most people said, a very technical man. In the few months that he spent as temporary manager of England until his full appoint-ment yesterday he broke through several barriets, not least that between himself and

the press.

By Peter Hennessy
There is a certain kind of strong-willed woman in public life who gets her way through

pure terror. The graduate school of the London School of Economics and Political Science has been dominated by such a woman for the past 30 years in the person of Dr. Anne

years in the person of Dr Anne

Last night the school held a dinner to mark her retirement

as secretary of the graduate school at the end of the month.

Retirement recalls

great days of LSE

begin as press conferences now try to remember that he once said: "Soccer is a simple game but it demands an awful lot of hard work to make it

simple". He is not, and never will be, one of the boys, curing foot-ball's ills by courtesy of hotel room service in the early hours after matches. He prefers day-light and green grass. "My happiest moments are sitting on the touchline watching. players carry out prearranged tactical moves," he said, but his ideal footballer is a master basics who improvises like

jazz musician. At 55 he is late upon the international scene, though in one way he has never been any-On one recent chaotic afternoon at an Italian airport that spirit, even if his only playing was bursting with passengers all seemingly on stand-by for London, he finally admitted Continent at every opportunity realizing how much was and there he studies teams that,

Dr Anne Bohm: Thirty years

The intimacy of the place has passed, she says, impossible to

sustain with a graduate popula-tion of 1,500. The one-year MSc course, "this thirst for de-grees", has undermined the old

There is a touch of nostalgia

about her during the last weeks in office. She feels she has wit-

nessed the great days of the school, the era of Robbins, Tawney and Titmuss, but "hopes and prays" they will

From January 1, as LSE's

with the LSE.

regrets.

involved in the work of the press. From that moment the relationship improved and those of us who listen to his sometimes obtuse lectures that of London. He was born in England needed to appoint a of London. He was born in Burnley and moved to Wembley when he was 10. After joining the RAF he was "discovered" by Chelsen, with whom he be-came a fairly good centre half with a characteristic eye for construction. Apart from a period at Eradford Park Avenue,

he spent the rest of his career at Brentford, Chelsen and at Bre His link with West Ham was not formed until 1961, after coaching for the FA; Oxford University, Arsenal and the England under-23 team. He attempted full-time man-

agement at Eastbourne, be-ginning at the bottom and in a blaze of defeats, but he liked the South Coast and still lives at Brighton. West Ham, with a tradition

of building on its own products, suited his outlook and, despite the club's limited resources, he took it to victory in the FA Cup of 1964 and the European

The Fire Brigades Union appeared last night to be moving towards firm rejection of the local authorities' new pay offer as a basis for ending the firemen's strike. Many of the union's regional committees are restricted to decide an their

met yesterday to decide on their response to the offer.

Surrey called for moves to end the four-week-old stoppage in

the four-week-old stoppage in response to the employers' formula for regulating pay from next year. But of the union's regional committees, which have been asked to report back to the executive, three decided that the offer could not arother a return in work.

not produce a return to work.

The union's executive meets

tomorrow to hear the replies from the regions to the em-

ployers' proposals, which would link firemen's earnings per-manently to those of skilled manual workers from Novem-

The north-eastern and the

Scottish regional committees decisively rejected the offer, which is conditional on a return to work. The north-western committee also rejected

t, with the qualification that the pay formula night be acceptable in future, though not as a basis for ending the strike.

The firemen's reluctionce to accept an offer that gives no

more than 10 per cent as an immediate rise has been increased by the insertion in the local authorities proposals of three further conditions.

ber, 1979.

Strikers in Hertfordshire and

Labour Reporter

Firemen heading for

rejection of deal

manager in 1974 and, indeed. by then he seemed to be moving towards a quiet, early retirement. John Lyall, his assistant, was appointed team manager

He serves on the technical committee of Fifa, the international governing body, yet last summer, when Don Revie resigned, his name was not omong those first thrust through headlines at the FA selection committee.

The fact that the FA officials were offended by Mr Revie's defection convinced them to seek a man better known to them. From the day he was appointed temporary manager there was really no doubt that he needed only to avoid out rageous defeats in his trial period. Beating Italy at Wem-ble, was a pass with distinction. even if too late for England. Appointment and photograph

Mr Richard Foggie, the

union's assistant general secre-tary, said last night that the

men might have looked with more interest at the pay formula "bad these very re-strictive and punitive condi-tions not been included". Early

indications were that the strike will now go on until Christmas and perhaps into the

new year". Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans,

ar a seminar in Dunfermline. Hospital evacuated: About 170

patients were evacuated from Mytheushawe Hospital, Manchester, early yesterday when fire broke out and smoke spread into wards (the Press Association reports). No one

A boy aged 15 from Dukin-field, Cheshire, was accused at Ashton-under-Lyne Juvenile Court yesterday of setting fire

convictions and set aside the sentence imposed at Middlese: Crown Court on November 9 last year on Michael ("Rocky") Ryan, aged 37, a former film stuotman, who had

a car and assault on two assistants at a London store. Ordering high priority for the retrial at Middlesex Crown Court, Lord Justice Waller said the case showed the dangers in-tolved in seeing a judge before sentencing and his indicating what sentence he might impose. Mr Ryan's appeal was spon sored by the National Council for Civil Liberties. It was the

Retrial for

stuntman

over plea

A retrial was ordered by the

Court of Appeal vesterday for a man serving a scatence of two years and nine months, who was involved in a plea-

bargaining case. The court held

that after a meeting between

his trial the man pleaded

guilty under pressure, expect-ing to gain a non-custodial sen-

Lord Justice Waller, sitting with Mr Justice Talbot and Mr

Justice Mars-Jones, quashed the

counsel and the judge at

bargain

By Craig Seton

third case in six days in which the Court of Appeal has union regard as "good-will" functions, should be tied to contracts of employment, and that any shortening of the criticized plea-bargaining. The Court said that Mr Ryan. remanded and the issue of built adjourned pending inquiries on the speed with which the retrial could take place. that any shortening of the working week should be con-ditional on improved produc-

Mr Peter Thornton, QC, for Air Ryan, said his cliem had served 13 months of the sentence. He submitted that Mr Ryan's pleas of guilty were a nullity, as he had not had a free choice in changing his

pleas from not guilty. The court was told that Mr Ryan pleaded guilty on Septem-ber 6 last year after a meeting between Mr Brian Calwell, the deputy judge, and Mr David Farrington, his counsel. After two adjournments involving six medical reports; be was jailed "for the protection of the public".

Mr Mostyn (Moss) Evans, general secretary-elect of the Transport and General Workers' Union, advised firemen last night to accept their latest pay offer because of its long-term advantages. It could provide a formula upon which pay settlements in all industries could be based in the future, he told trade unionists at a seminar in Dunfermline. Lord Justice Waller said that ou September 6 Mr Ryan arrived in court intending to plead not guilty and instructed his solicitor and counsel accor-

Counsel and the judge met and afterwards Mr Ryan changed his plea to guilty. Lord Justice Walter said the court was satisfied that Mr Ryun intended to plead not guilty, that he feared a custodial seatence, and that his counsel indi-cated, from his discussion with the judge, that it he plended guilty there would not be a custodial sentence. It was clear that the judge did not have in his mind all the relevant in-formation before passing

It was not a case where the deputy judge was putting on pressure. It was done with the best of motives.

Taxi-cab costs to be investigated

Taxi-cab services throughout Brimin are being referred to the Price Commission. The examination, including rices, costs and margins, will cover hackney carriages, whose charges outside London are controlled by local authorities, and private-bire rehicle services, such as mini-cubs.

the stoppage. Some of the tive to continue the strike un-officially.

Court yesterday of setting fire to a ward store room at Tame-side General Hospital on Saturday. He was remanded Two people died in separate fires in the London area on Sunday night. Mr James Fitzgerald, aged 62, died in a house in Haydon Park Road, Shepherds Bush, and Mr Gerald Ward, aged 92, died in a fire at The Grove, Coulsdon, Surrey. external relations consultant, she will be off, trying to assist the renaissance, rushing round the world raising money and twisting great men around her little finger. As always, they will love every minute of it. then dean of the graduate school, and remembers the present patriarch of the radical right, Professor Friedrich von They are that no action should be taken against firemen who ignored the strike call; that duties such as fire protection visits, which the Hayek, striding around the city in his riding breeches between

By Our Planning Reporter

In a rare venture into the political arena, the Royal Town Planning Institute today calls

Dr Bohm, a refugee from

Hitler's Germany, where she took her doctorate in Berlin in 1935, first joined the LSE dur-

ing its wartime evacuation in Cambridge. She became assist-ant to the late L. G. Robinson,

very few to the worse-off.
The lostitute argues that rebates and allowances are Planning Institute today calls
on the Government to phase
out housing subsidies. Changes
in taxation, allied to increased
rent rebates, would lead to
greater equalities in public
spending, it says:

Commenting on the recent
housing policy review, the
institute observes that subsidies have increased by 122
per cent in the past six years,
cumpared with a 35 per cent
increase in housing investment.
The subsidy system is generally regressive, giving substan-

Housing subsidies 'bring little benefit to worst off' of those on the lowest incomes; and that some manifestly are denied access to adequate rented housing, since homeless-

ness is a fact.

The private rented sector must form part of any debate on housing finance, it says, and its decline must be met by diversity in local greater diversity in local authority allocation policies. The institute also urges the Government either to underwrite morrgages or in some way to ensure that building societies fulfil "their full social obligations . £64m Help for inner cities : The Inner 1982.

ties greater powers to assist industry, will be published on Thursday, Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday. Among other things it will provide for 90 per cent loans for land purchase, further loans for site preparation, grants to assist with rents, and the declaration of industrial improvement areas.
The minister was speaking

after a tour of the London docklands, to which the Government has so far committed about £64m for urban renewal up to

East Anglia, E England: Rather cloudy, bright intervals, perhaps a little rain to places later; wind-

a little rain in places later; whole W. light: max temp 11°C (52°F). NW, NE, central N. England, Lake District, Isle of Man. Borders, N. Ireland; Rather cloudy, bright innervals, a little rain or drivile in places; wind W. or NW, light or moderate; max temp 10°C.

Edinburgh; Dundee, Aberdeen, Mocay Firth: Rather clouds at

times but mostly dry, some sunny intervals; wind W or NW, light or moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

SW. NW Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands. Argyl: Rather cloudy, rain or drizzle at times.

Crash hoy is

Lift strike lingers

The lift engineers' strike may not be over completely, although their union has officially ended

Newsagents 'doing their best' despite disruption

By Our Labour Staff day that its members were, doing their best to provide the traditional high standard of service" in spire of continuing disputes affecting publication of national newspapers.

supported cooperation: it is the supranational element that has stuck in people's throws. We A statement said that the recent "disruption of supplies from Fleet Street was the result of only the latest of many disputes" which had resulted in considerable loss of profits for newspents. are of the same mind as nine tenths of the Conservative Party on this issue."
Concord of Europe by Neil Marten,
MP (S2 Fulham High Street, London, SW6; 10p plus postage).

New light cast on the star of Bethlehem

Continued from page 1 and the movements of the times in about six months on or month, chi-yu, a po-hsing appeared at Ho-ku."

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they conclude.

Mr John Parkinson said yesterday that theirs was the first piece of original astronomical

research on the subject for many years. Nevae, which are

less catastrophic than super-

novae, do sometimes recur, which raises the fascinating pos-

sibility that the star of Bethle-

hem might one day come back. Unfortunately, as the location is rather vague, it is unlikely that anyone would recognize it as

where, particularly in the December 10, 1976) in which he the birth of Jesus Christ and Middle East, were far more consistent would have come close three castern sky.

The National Federation of with widespread delivery Rerail Newsagonts said yester-rounds. "We ask the local reading public to bear with our members in these difficult

"Although it is from your newsagent you expect to buy your favourite paper, please do not try to vent your wrath cu him when it is not available. It is not his fault."

The federation said that if a nubliched status of the property of the property

publisher started printing late because of industrial action the Fullam High Street. Lonin considerable loss of profits
in considerable loss of profits
for newsagents,
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1.25 federation added that the
Leading article, page 17

in considerable loss of profits
to be delivered by news boys
and girls, who had to finish
their rounds in time for school.

being together in that part of the sky—the constellation Pisces—would have had con-siderable significance for Baby-

lonian astrologers, sufficient to persuade three of them to set

Saturn and Pisces were con-

nected with ancient Israel, and Jupiter symbolized royalty. As an explanation of the Magi's opening remark: "Show us the

baby born to be King of the

Jews", this carries some convic-

The astronomers end their

out to investigate.

uch. kinson, Mr Stephenson and Mr
The three astronomers make Clark, the explanation of the

way for their theory by seeking star itself is not good enough. to demolish the hypothesis that They discovered that that

the star of Bethlehem was not a star at all but two bright star itself.

A year ago Dr D. W. Hughes, paper on a note of scientific of Sheffield University, published an article in Nature (Nature-Times News Service, herent correlation between Showed how Juniver and Saturn the appearance of a new is also showed how Juniver and Saturn the appearance of a new is also showed how Juniver and Saturn the appearance of a new is also showed how Juniver and Saturn the appearance of a new is also showed how Juniver and Saturn the appearance of a new is also showed how Juniver and Saturn the appearance of a new is also showed the same and saturn the appearance of a new is also showed the same areas and saturn the appearance of a new is also showed the same areas and saturn the saturn the same areas and saturn the same areas and saturn the saturn the same areas and saturn

for 321 threatened plants

Conservationists were urged yesterday to seek to protect 321 wild British plants in danger of

extraction.
Scientists from the Government's biological records centre at Monks Wood bave spent several years studying the 1,700 vascular or juicy-stemmed 1,700 vascular or juicy-stemmed plants in Britain

As a result Dr Frank Perring and Miss Lynne Farrell, of the centre, have compiled the Red Data Book—Plants, published by the Society fur the Promotion of Nature Conservation with the World Wildlife Fund. The Red Data Book—Plants (The Society for the Promotion of Nature Conservation, The of Nature Conservation, The Green, Nettleham, Lincs), £2.95.

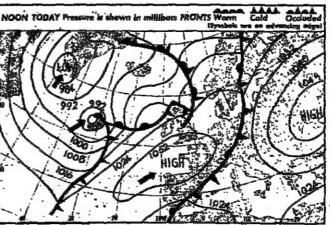
£250 fine over iuror's dismissal

Mr Peter Rooney, a company managing director, who was seid to have dismissed an employee because he was called for jury service, was fined £250 by Judge Hayman at Snaresbrook Crown Court, London, vesterday for contempt of court. The juror, an estimater for Lowshive Electrical Ltd, of Harold Wood, London, complained that he was dismissed for failing to turn up for work-

Accused matron ill Mrs Helen Messer, the matron of a private nursing home who is due to appear in court next week accused of killing an elderly woman patient, was found unconscious yesterday and taken to hospital.

Pipeman of 1978 Mr Magnus Magnusson has been voted 1978 Pipeman of the year in a poll organized by the Eriar Pipe Trade Association and Tobacco magazin a

Protection urged | Weather forecast and recordings



Sun rises: Sun sets: 7.5% am 3.52 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 9.58 am 7.41 pm First quarter: December 17. Lighting.up: 4.22 pm to 7.29 am. High water: London Bridge, 3.11 am, 7.4m (24.4ft); 3.36 pm, 7.7m (25.1ft). Avonmouth, 8.52 am, 14m (45.8ft); 9.15 pm, 13.5m (44.4ft). Dover, 12.11 am, 7.1m (23.3ft); 12.35 pm, 6.9m (22.8ft). Hull, 7.45 am, 7.6m (25ft); 7.57 pm, 7.7m (25.3ft). Liverpool, 12.32 am, 9.6m (31.6ft); 12.54 pm. 9.9m (32.6ft).

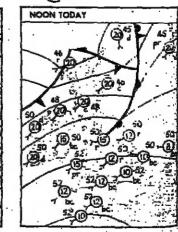
Weak troughs will affect N and E districts with a high moving temp 9° or 10°C (48° to 50°F).

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Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE, central S, SW England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Wales: Or; bright or sum or drizzle in places; midd but summy intervals after early log patches; wind SW to W, light; max-temp 11°C (52°F).

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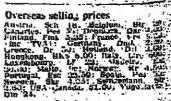
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Irish Sea: Wind W, backing SW, fresh or strong; sea moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 and to 8 pm. 12°C (54°F); min. 4 pm. 6 am. 10°C (50°F). Handdor 6 pm. 79 per cent. R.M. 24 hr to 6 pm. 6 pm. 0.03in Sun. 24 hr to 6 pm. 2.3hr. Bat. mean sea level, 6 pm. 1.022.3 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53io.



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HOME NEWS____

Better fire safeguards for nuclear dump

British Nuclear Fuels will probably take steps to improve fire-detection equipment at its disposal dump for solid lowlevel contaminated waste at Drigg, Cumbria. The dump is works, where a fire on Septem-ber 25 was extenguished in two hours by the works fire

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Mr Roy Pilling, general manager, said yesterday that moni-moning on and off the site bad commend that no regiological hazard bad arisen Form investigation into the cause of the fire had not been con-

Mr John Doran, deputy general manager, said improved fire-detection equipment was being considered. At present there are infra red detectros across the face of the tip, and we think we can get improved devices to give an earlier warn-ing. That could be done at ing." That could be com-slight cost. A report on the matter had not yet been com-

A press conference was caled to discuss issues that had arisen at a recent meeting of the Windscale local liaison committee. The committee meets in private, and its effectiveness as a public watchdog was questioned at the public inquiry into the company's planning application for oxide-reprocessing at Winscale.

hTe report and recommendation of the inquiry inspector.

into report and recommenda-tion of the inquiry inspector, Mr Justice Parker, are expected soon. The committee intends to give early consideration to any changes that the report changes that the report requires in its role.

"It would be appropriate to await publication of the inspector's report before taking any initiative. It would be silly trying to anticipate what the inspector is going to say", Mr. Pilling said.

Brixton officer suspended after allegations By Our Home Affairs

A prison officer at Brixton has been suspended after alle-gations by a recently released prisoner that drugs, including cannabis and heroin, have been supplied to prisoners.

The officer was suspended last week after the former prisoner had talked to Scotland Yard's drug squad. It is alleged that considerable sums were paid for the deliveries and that staff were offered intorouse with young women who

Police officers have inter-

Brixton is a centre prisoners on remand awaiting trial at courts in London.

Crash boy is awarded £52,500

Michael Cufley, aged 11, who was knocked down on a pedes-trian crossing by a sports car was awarded £52,500 agreed damages in the High Court

yesterday.

The boy, of Glen Road,
Thundersley, Essex, suffered
brain injury and had become a danger not only to himself but to society, Mr Norman Irvine, QC, his counsel said.

Correction

The regional conferences being sponsored by the Personal Social Services Council are concerned with their reports on residential care; not intermediate treatment, as stated on Friday.

The Moon cult, 2: Members in Britain number between 450 and 600

Converts sell pot plants, magazines or stationery

By Diena Rett.

Is the Unification Church a fringe religion or a pusiness network?

It enjoys charitable status in Britain, registered under the members work for Moon, selling magazines on the streets, or pot plans, or stationery through stores and stationers, and they work for Mosels and the Holy Spirit through stores and stationers, and they work hard.

World Christianity Its leader, or Messiah controls an inter-

in Korea and has married twice. The movement of which twice. The movement of which he is leader is oversly political in the United States and gave vigorous support to Richard. Nixon in the aftermeth of Watergate. Mr Moon claims 30,000 converts and 7,000 core members for this sect; his organizations include himself. He bring back their son, who was liability companies, outstral and enkerational foundations, newspapers and magazines and a political wing. World Federation for Peace and Unification. The British boy had been in Numerically and politically in the Unification Church centre in British is a pale shadow of its American counterpart. Its con-

By Our Education

World Christianity. Its leader, or Messiah. controls an incernational business empire earning about £6m a year.

The Messiah, according to the teachings of this little known but rapidly expanding sect, is already on Earth. The fact is, he is living in luminy. His organizations are multifarious and bave at least 77 different names, among them bwo heavily right-wing newspapers, News World and Rising Tide.

Sun Myung Moon was born in Korea and has married.

Evidence from parents and former members indicates than the Moon converts work from 6.30 and until after midnight if necessary. Their status as "volunteers" for the charity means they do not pay national insurance, nor does the Moon organization, so members leaving the church can be called a religion, the man hours worked could be called "dedication". If it is a business empire such man

business empire such man hours worked must be celled "exploitation". The mark-up on goods sold in the United States has been as much as 900



Mr Henry Masters, who gave

A spokesman for the Inification Church, Mr Unification Church, Mr Mich el Marshall, public affairs director, demes the brain washing charge. He says: Brainwashing charges have

twice been tested and rejected in American court cases. Judge Belson in September, 1975, in the District of Columbia Supe-rior Court, ruled that there was no evidence to suggest that the UC practised mind control, or indeed any methods of proselytizing that were sub-stantially different from those of other religious organiza-

Street selling is only one way of fund raising for the Moon sect, which also receives donations, sometimes substanrial, and property from believers.

The biggest gift of property in Brutain is the estate of Stanton Fitzwarren, Wiltshire, which includes two farm-houses, 600 acres of farmland, houses, 600 acres of farmland, a post office and a mill, and has been valued at £800,000. That gift to the church was made by Mr Henry Masters, who was the square of the village, and his wife, Avtil. The couple, in their fifties, are converts to the Moon cult.

Mrs Rosalind Mitchell was a member of the Unification Church for only two months.

was kept short of sleep, fasted She is the daughter of Mr and frequently and worked hard."

A spokesman for the instrumental in introducting frequency of the movement. Her brother and siste are now members also,

She says: "About my parents giving away the prop-erty at Stanton Fazwarren, I could not care a boot about the money, but I am really incensed about what happened

incensed about what happened to my uncie.

"My mother married her landlord. Her brother, my uncie, Mr Desmond Jeeves, managed the farm. He was evicted and, soon after, my grandfather died. I really think he died of a broken heart. All the family came to the funerad, but it was like a wedding. There were to tears. There were no tears.

"I think there is another person in my mother's skin. My father, too, has no strength of character now. He was a respected churchgoer and tay preacher.

preacher.

"I could not get my family out in the beginning. I wish to God I had done so. The Unification Church changes your character completely. It stanost possessed me. I stood up and said things I was not feeling at all. For a year after I left I had no confidence. I spent 12 months getting myself sorred out. My bushand is sorted out. My husband is down to earth, and be helped

Man shot on |In brief way to trial is set tree

John O'Connell, a defendant in the Bank of America trial. who was shot on his way to court 18 months ago, was given a suspended jail sentence at the Central Criminal Court yester-

Mr Michael Worsley, for the prosecution, said Mr O'Connell, aged 42, a launderette operator, of Church Vale, Finchley, London, was shot in the back of the legs in an alleyway by a man with a sawn-off shotgun in June last year. Judge King-Hamilton, QC, said the shooting had the hallmark of the gang-

"He was many mouths in hospital Mr Worsley said. Medical staff tried to save his Medical start treet to save us-left leg, but in the end it had to be ampurated. "So in a sense he has been punished more than anybody could be punished. He has lost more than money could buy."

Counsel said the shooting was still to some extent a mystery. No suspect had been arrested. Mr O'Connell admitted con-Mr O'Conneil admitted con-spiring to enter the Bank of America in Davies Street, be-tween June 1 and October 28, 1974, as a trespasser to steal.

Mr William Hemming, for the defence, said that at the original trial Mr O'Connell had wanted to say certain things that might have incriminated someone clse Several days before the bank trial some men tried to ner suade him not to stand trial.

£5,250 award to girl aged nine

Wendy Norris, aged nine, of Essex Close, Walthamstow, London, who lost an eye when a stone caught in a gress cutter flew up and struck her, was awrded £5,250 damages in the

High Court yesterday. She had not long started school when the accident school when the accident happened in May, 1974, at the Edward Redhead School, Waltham Forest. The award was against the London borough of Waltham Forest.

Wage rise for

hairdressers

Pay increases of between 52.50 and £4.50 a week for hairdressers were agreed by the industry's wages council yesterday. Charges to the customer are exported to rise by up to

15 per cent. The pay increases exceed the 10 per cent guidelines but the National Hairdressers Assuciation said the Government had no power to stop them because the wages council had statutory powers. A report by the Low Pay Unit yesterday said Bri-tain's 135,000 hairdressers were the lowest paid workers in the

Picture-kisser freed

Mrs Ruth Olive Von Herpen-Crocker, of Andover Road, Newbury, Berkshire, who was said to have kissed a picture at the Oxford Museum of Madern Act and left lipsack stains on it, was given a conditional discharge by Oxford mag-strates yesterday after admitting criminal dam-

Shoplifter fined

Mrs Hamidah Haron, 292d 32, a Malaysian prison officer, was fined £200 with £20 costs at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday for stealing clothing valued at £107.33 from Debenham's store, Oxford Street.

Cottage transfer -

A fifteenth-century timberframed cottage was recreated at Glatton, Cambridgeshire yesterday after being transferred from Little Barford, Bedfordshire, 19 miles away, where it was being damaged by passing traffic.

Statues recovered

Two Roman statues of Venus and Mercury, stolen from Verulamium Museum, St Albans, in March, have been recovered from under a bush in a public house car park at Hatfield.

Office party warning Employers were criticized by Mr Donald Elliott, Assistant Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, yesterday for encouraging staff to drink at office parties and drive at Christmas.



Final shaft site for Selby coalfield in doubt after noise objection

From Our Correspondent
York

The proposed site for the is approved the council, by fifth and final shaft for working the £600m Selby coalfield, in a position to take possible future legal action against the coal board if noise exceeds area's chief environmental health officer.

He recommends rejection of the chosen site, despite his own council's coalfields committee

health officer.

His views are to be dispersion of cussed at a meeting of the chosen site despite his own council's coaffields committee bound to surprise the council's agreement in printoday when the coal board's continued to the noise would cause unseceptable annoyance and interference to people living near. North Yorkshire Council at a pinguing application is continued to the district council at a printoday when the council's recommentation will be submitted to the district council at a printoday when the council at a printoday when the council at a printoday when the council's recommentation will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which, after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday when the council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday which after concentration will be submitted to the district council at a printoday when the council at this start to be district and the submitted to the district council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at this start to be district and the council at a print to the council at the counc

Mr Buckle's concern over the proposed shaft site, 46 acres at Whitemoor Cliffe, is shared by local parish councils, and 22 residents who live within half a mile of it have signed a

Opposition at this stage is bound to surprise the coal board, which, after concessions board's bound, which district connects was recomessured by a QC representing the district council at a public county inquiry that no objections would be raised to the site.



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cation, says in a party policy document published today. The Labour Party, he adds, may fairly be said to have behaved as the enemy of the compre-bensive school.". The 52-page document outlining the Conservative approach to comprehensive schools had been put together after extensive consultation

Tory party is 'all-in

school's best friend'

over three years with party workers and educationists, Mr St John-Stevas said as a press confisence yesterday. It is based on a draft by Mr Paul Williams, education correspond-ent of The Sunday Telegraph.

The best friend of the comprehensive school is the Conservative Party, Mr St John-Stevas, spokesman on edu-

williams, education correspondent of The Sunday Telegraph.

Mr St John-Stevas said it was intended as a constructive appraisal. The next Conservative government would not try to unscramble comprehensive reorganization but would seek to improve it and to ensure that it really did work for all children.

The document says Conservatives want a system in which each comprehensive school is free to develop its own characterists.

Full-time attendance at school mid 16 was not the best solution for all pupils. Some might be released at 15 to enable them to take a part-dus apprentice at school or a further education codlege, or to permit them to continue their aducation in the Armed Services.

One of the first acts of a Conservative government would be to repeal the Education Art.

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free to develop its own characives selfives to develop its own characives to dev others in languages, others in sport Some may provide excep-tionally good pastoral care for difficult children; others may have an above-average remedial department.

Parents should be able to send a child to the school of their choice. That might cause some schools to be oversub-

necessarily a bad thing; selection is an inevitable part of life.

All children should be mught in five basic areas of knowledge: reading, writing, arithmetic, religious education and the arts. Competency in those subjects would then be tested by something like a basic school certificate, which bright children might take in immor schools, and the less able in secondary schools.

scribed, and there would then be a need for selection on the basis of ability or aptitude. That, the party says, is not necessarily a bad thing; selec-

All children should commun to be taught rhose subjects and, in addition, science and a modern language until the age Full-time attendance at 'school

to choose the type of secondary school organization they wish dent inquiry into the whole of

Better schools for all. A Con-servative Approach to the Prob-lems of the Comprehensive School, by Norman St John-Stevas, MP (Conservative Poli-tical Centre, 32 Smith Square, London, SW1; 85p).

Leading article, page 17

Backing for truant units

The General Teaching Counfor Scotland yesterday backed a proposal for day units to be set up in Scotland for difficult pupils and persistent

runnts.

Under the proposal, made in August by an official committee of inquiry appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland and headed by Professor Donald Pack, of Strathclyde University, the pupils woud be picked up from home each day and taken

ment and treatment, with the sim of eventually returning them to their normal schools. In its vertice on the report In its verdict on the report the council, which is the registration body for nearly 80,000 Scottish teachers, says the units could make a useful countibution. A number of them should be set up on an experimental basis, and they should be under the direction of a teacher, with teachers forming a significant

City loses shoppers for lack of car parks

As this till-tinkling month proceeds, Manchester retail traders fear that there will be more evidence before Christmas of the city losing its place as one of Europe's foremost shopping centres.

Many traders believe that the planners of the past, who thought that shoppers could be thought that shoppers could be persuaded to part company with their cars, are to blame for what they see as an increasingly serious decline in business. The planners, they say, failed to recognize the threat to the city centre of competition from neighbouring towns where provision for car parking is plentiful and cheap and where shopping has improved beyond anyone's earlier expectations during the past five or six years.

Mr Cwril Libyd-Jones presi-

five or six years.

Mr Cyril Lloyd-Jones, president of the city's chamber of trade and monager of one of its biggest stores, says his organization has encountered disbelief among members and officials of both Manchester City Council and Greater Manchester County Council that trade really has been falling off, but that he now has statistics to prove it.

tics to prove it.
His biggest hope is that the city council will at least introduce a "parking meter amnesty for Saturday mornings in time for the Christmas peak period. Manchester parking meters, which carry increasing charges the nearer you are to the city centre and which are enforced by one of the most conscientious teams of parking wardens in Britain, remain operational until lunch-time on Saturdays.

comprehensive satistics are almost impossible to collect, Mr Lloyd Jones says that confidential figures supplied by individual companies belonging to his organization show that retail trade in the centre of Manchester has increased only two and a half

Regional report

John Chartres Manchester

times (in cash terms and with-out allowance for inflation) in the past 10 years compared with five and sixfold increases in peripheral towns like Stockport and Bolton, where the shopping motorist is encouraged. motorist is encouraged

tributive trades generally from 38,000 to 29,000 in the same

shopping space for every car park space, whereas Stockport has only 146 sq ft. Other towns, like Oldham, Wigan, Bury, Stockport and Bolton, which at one time were seldom regarded as real shopping magnets (apart from the special North country charm of their open-air mar-kets) are now all better off on the basis of that sort of calculation than Manchester. Manchester City Council has "noted" the matter, which was put forward at a joint meeting at the end of October by the

the world.

Manchester's policies manchester's policies on parking have been partly be-devilled by the failure to secure government government financial support for the "Picc-Vic" tunnel scheme, designed to link the city's two main railway stations,

Department of Employment figures show that jobs in retail distribution in the city centre declined from 21,500 in 1971 to 18,000 in 1975 and in the dis-

Another set of figures produced by the chamber of trade shows that central Manchester has more than 1,000 sq ft of

and Stockport, but still ends several miles outside the centre of "the big city". That is thought to be a matter that could be given top consideration chamber of trade and by Man-chester Chamber of Commerce, one of the most influential in under the inner-city relief programmes of the Secretary of State for the Environment.

long-term transportation policy was based.

A smaller and more immediate difficulty is that two large multistorey car parks associated with the £40sn Arndale shopping centre, dominating the whole result trade business in the city, will not be ready for the Christmas trade because of building delays. Some of the statistics provided by the chamber of trade are also being questioned because of the general decline of population within the boundaries of Manchester, a trend that is common to many large provincial urban areas.

An attempt has been made to help by imposing almost penal charges on all-day parkers on certain sizes, with consequential cheap rates introduced instead for one or two-hour stays.
Mr Lloyd-Jones's chamber trade is in something of a quandary in that it wants to campaign for improved car parking, but at the same time-

does not want to create the impression that Manchester is a difficult place in which to shop. The chamber recently shop. The chamber recently published a half-page advertise ment in the city's evening news-paper, which included a map and guide to car parking areas. Manchester's other shopping disadvantage is that the Northwest motorway system, acknowledged to be the best in Britain, takes motorists almost to the hearts of Bolton, Wigan

The tussle between the charge ber of trade and the city fathers is being watched with interes by businessmen and local eachorities from Plymouth to

'Venetian oligarchy' administering the Bar

By Marcel Berlins Legal Correspondent

Discrimination against woman barristers is continuing, even though it is now unlawful under the Sex Discrimination Act, according to a Bow Group memorandum published today.
The Bar's governing body,
the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, has made no attempt to comply with the Act, and the heads of chambers are openly flouting it, the memor-

ardum adds. Discrimination appears at all stages of a woman barrister's progress, it sys, but it at its most serious in relation to the grant of tenancies in chambers. Many sets of chambers openly refuse even to consider women, and others impose low quotas. Both those practices are unlawful, but they continue sometimes with threats of equally unlawful victimization if a complete the continue of the complete a complaint is made.

The memorandum, written by The memorandum, written by Miss Mary Colton, a practising barrister, is strongly critical of the "exceptionally bad internal management" of the Bar, which, it says, "runs itself as if it were a private club, immune from outside supervision." It calls for the senate to be

accountable, self-perpetuating Venetian oligarchy" which now administers the four lons to be replaced by elected repre-

Some new set of chambers, and some law centres, are showing dangerous political bias, the memorandum added. They refuse to accept suspected Conrefuse to accept supported con-servatives as members, refuse to appear for the prosecution or for such people as landfords, and identify themselves unduly

with lay clients.
Many avowedly see the legal many arowedly see me legat profession as an instrument of social change and reject its traditional neutrality, the group says. It fears that such trends may lead to an erosion of professional objectivity and of the "cab-rank" rule by which practitioners are not permitted to discriminate as to the clients they accept.

discriminate as to the clients they accept.

The memorandum calls for the future intake of people into the barristers' profession to be "dramatically restricted". The "misguided recruiting drive of a few years ago has lorded the system to breaking point". The State of the Bar—a study in professional disorganization (Bow Graup, 240 High Holborn, London, WC1, 40p).

Ombudsman criticized for attitude over surgeon

From Our Correspondent

Sir Idwal Pugh, the Health Service Commissioner (Ombudsman) who last week criticized a doctor for his "inhuman" treatment of a woman of 103, who died last November after being refused admission to a hospital at Rhyl, was accused yesterday of setting himself up as both judge and jury.

The doctor, a Nigerian bouse surgeon, has since returned to Nigeria. The local medical committee of Clwyd, representing the county's 160 general practitioners. Save it extrangly research titioners, says it strongly resents the attempt to use the Ombuds-man to steer criticism away

from civil servants and politi-cians by denigrating health service stail who were trying to make the system work. "Sir Idwal Pugh was pre-pared to condemn a doctor as

inhuman without obtaining or considering an explanation from him", the committee says. "His decision was based on evidence decision was based on evidence given in secret and camoot be challenged by questions or cross examination. An act becomes right or wrong because he so decides rather than because a known rule or law was infringed."

It considers that "the rule of law is being replaced by the rule of civil servants, who have become both judge and jury".

Woman 'invited dismissal'

American, and Miss Usa Riley, who was in charge of girls at the Penthouse Club, London, when he arrived to sort the affairs of the club out after it had been going down for four years, a London tribunal was told yesterday.

Within two days of his arrival he had dismissed Miss Riley, and the club's girls were out

The tribunal decided yester-day that Miss Riley had invited dismissal and ruled that it was

Mr Geoffrey Heggs, the chair-man, said Mr Bishop had orig-

on Grunwick

hours. The union said that in September, 1976, basic weekly rates ranged from £22 to £60.

Since then the average had risen to about £45 but was still

below the general level in the

Practical moves

'cancer' urged

Dr Owen, the Foreign Secre-tary, called yesterday for prac-tical measures to halt the cancer of weapon proliferation. Speaking to the Royal Col-lege of Defence Studies, he said the ultimate object was general

and complete disarmament under strict and effectiv ccon-trol. "That would require expert study and patient, deter-mined negotiation."

Practical measures that would

bite into military arsenals of all

kinds were required rather than

against arms

The company maintained that

with an average of £35.60.

There was a show of strength Riley but she did not want that. She was intransigent and wan-ted to make an issue of the affair. The dispute had de-veloped amid a background of poor management and without adequate consultation with the staff affected by Mr Bishop's new plans to make the club suc-

cessful.

Miss Riley said later that she was astonished by the decision, and added: "Mr Bishop admitted in evidence that he did not know how English employment laws work, or how the club was operating when he arrived."

Mr Bishop said: "Business at the club is spinty in now We at the club is going up now. We have a better chencele and

Bow Group criticizes | Bench orders Neilson property to be returned to him

Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, a few miles from where Neilson hanged Lesley Whittle, aged 17, in an underground drainage system nearly three

The magistrates agreed that he should be allowed to have back 20 items, including two telescopic sights, holdalls con-taining an inflatable dingly, skin-diving equipment and a

Judge hears

recording

of calls on

telephone

A tape recording of relephone calls, allegedly setting up a bribery deal between a known criminal and two police officers, was played to Mr Justice Bristow in the High Court yes-

terday. Mr Trevor Aspinall, a reporter

with the Sunday People, played the tape on the third day of an action brought against him and

The Sunday People and Mr Aspinall deny libel.

The recordings were said to have been made at the home in Upron Park, London, of Mr Gerald O'Halloran, who had earlier made a statement to Mr

uniform. No action was taken against Mr Mullett.

ter in this saga has now been

He said 372 articles arrassed by the police in their investi-gations had already been re-turned to Mr Neilson, who had been particular not to choose items that might be of

terday for the return of some of firs personal property seized in court for the application, by detectives. But his guns and some other items will go to police museums and crime laboratories or be destroyed.

Magistrates were sitting at the court appearance were given powers to retain 46S other articles. Some of them, Mr Neilson's guns, crossbows and some other items will go to solicitor, said it was almost two sent to police museums and forensic science laboratories.

Neilson's first court appearance. The police were given noose he used to tether Miss Whittle in the dranage system

will be destroyed. The magistrates ordered that the stolen Remington shotgun should be returned to its owner, Mr Geoffrey Ruscoe, of Huddersfield, with the silencer ghotlish interest to others, fitted by Mr Neilson removed.
"One hopes they are not two stolen 22 rifles will be items from which profit could be made by the unscrupulous". does not want them back.

Hospital for journalist who drowned his wife

himself, it was stated at St Albans Crown Court yesterday.

John Kay, aged 33, a reporter with The Sun, pleaded not guilty to murder. Hisplea of guilty to manskaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility was accepted by

his paper by Det Inspector
Bernard Mullett, of Osgood
Gardens, Orpington, Greater
London.
Mr Mullett, who learnt of his Mr Justice Thesiger ordered Mr Kay to be edmitted for treatment at Friern Hospital, promotion from detective ser-geant to inspector over the weekend, contends that he was Mr Kay, of Alston Road. Barnet, was an industrial reporter and due for promotion libelled in a front page report of November 17, 1974, about police corruption. Although he was not named in the article, he says he could be identified from

reporter and due for promoted to industrial editor later.

Mr John Mathe, QC, for the defence, said Mr Larry Lamb, the editorial director of The Sun, sent a letter o the court saying that Mr Kay could have a job on the nespaper henever he as fit enough and henever he as allowed to take it.

From Our Correspondent
Luton

A journalist who found the pressure of work mo great and suffered from halucinations drowned his wife in the bath and then tried six times to kill effect at Blackpool, which is always a difficult assignment always a difficult assignment anways a difficult assignment and aparently was particularly so this year. By Thursdy of that week he was suffering from stomach pains and told his colleague that everybody knew he had cracked and said he had flost his cover and did he ha diost his career and did not feel able to cope.

He was looking forward to seeing his wife the next day and when he came home he discussed his problems with ber. He was worried about his own future and hers because she could not go back to Japan. He and his wife had a bath together, as they sometimes did and he thinking it would be better to end it all, pushed head under the water.'

Dr Henry Rolling said that

Speakers to be scrutinized after dispute over Front

earlier made a statement to Mr
Aspinal alleging that Mr
Mullett and Det Constable
Leslie King had sought 5500
from him in return for going
easy with their objections to
his being granted ball in a
magistrates' court.

It was alleged that, in the
telephone calls, Constable King
arranged to meet Mr O'Balloran
in the Dover Patrol public house
on the A2 in south-east London, remist speakers" after the dispute over Mr Martin sometimes learn more of public Webster, the National Frank disorder from the people who organizer, who addressed a contribute m it ", he added. sections of senior police officers

on the A2 in south-east London, where something would be handed over. The detective gave details of his car, which would be in the car park where the in Durham last month. in Durham last month.

That was stated by Councillor George Fishburn, chairman, after yesterday's meeting of the police committee, at which Mr Arthur Puckering, the chief constable, had faced anary councillors. He again defended the decision to invite Mr Webster. He rold the committee that the police were a comexchange was to take place.

The judge was told that Constable King had been charged with corruption, but the case had been dismissed when Mr O'Halloran refused to give evidence. After a Metropolitan Police inquiry, Mr King was fined, reprimended and returned to that the police were a com-pletely can-political body, whose involvement was purely with law and order.

Durisam Police Authority in suggestion that there had been future is to scrutinize "examp political bias or cover-up. "You may consider that I was

Contribute to it, he added.

Councillor Derek Bates asked what could be learnt from inviting Mr Webster and added:

"It amazes me that we could invite a person like this."

Mr Fishburn said he knew nothing of any approach being made to the National Front for

a speaker. He added: "On behalf of the Authority, I deplore bringing a person from the National Front to speak. My idea of the National Front is that instead of trying to create law and

Against the background of rising output and stagmant consumption, it was vitally necessary to restrain farmers' prices to the "minimum level for efficient production", Mr John Silkin, the Minister for Agriculture, told his EEC colleagues here today. He welcomed the general thrust of the European Commission's proposals for farm prices in 1978-79, which en-

From Michael Hornsby

Against the background of

Brussels, Dec 12

visage an average increase of slightly under 2 per cent. Because of the special "green" exchange rates used in agri-cultural trade, this would give farmers a real increase of 3 per cent on average.

But Mr Silkin made clear that he would like the Com-

WEST EUROPE

mission to have gone even further by proposing no in-crease in the prices for dairy produce, including milk, and for sugar, cereals and pagment. Apart from the need to avoid creating new food surpluses, account also had to be taken of the fact that food prices outside the Community were generally falling, he said, and generally fating, he said, and it was wrong to allow an "excessive gap" to open up between these and the level within the Community.

From Our Own Correspondent

sion" on North-South trade and development problems has agreed at its first meeting to strike the word "aid" from its vocabulary.

Aid was an "outduted con

Aid was an "outdired concept used where financial and
technical cooperation is meant".
Herr Willy Brandt, former West
German Chancellor and chairman of the commission, midreporters when the meeting
ended on Sunday.

The problem was not how the

rich countries could help the poor, but how each could act in its own interests and in the interests of others.

Most of the three-day meeting, at Schloss Gymnich, near Bonn, was devoted to planning the commission's task of studying politically acceptable ways of

restructuring economic relations minist of between industrialized and believes developing countries. It was states a generally agreed that develop particips ment efforts will have little project.

The new "Brandt com

Britain should be allowed to keep its special system of beef market support, Mr Silkin said. This puts the emphasis on compensating farmers by direte cash subsidies rather than by keeping

The former Mlle Valérie-Anne Giscard d'Estaing, elder daughter of

the French President, on honeymoon with her husband, M Gérard

Montassier, in Sicily where they were married on Saturday.

Farm prices restraint

given British support

consumer prices at levels not justified by the market.

The most hostile reaction to the Commission's proposals came from the Belgian delegate who took issue with ethe argu-ment of Mr Fina Olan Gun-delach, the Commissioner for Agriculture, that farmers were a specially privileged group and could not therefore expect to be fully compensated for be fully inflation.

In presenting his proposals last week, Mr Gundelach made the point that three quarters of the output of EEC farmers benefited from guaranteed benefited from guaranteed prices, an advantage which no other group of producers in the Community enjoyed. This was especially valuable at a time of

Signor Giovanni Marcora, the Italian minister, said that there should be national quotas set for milk production. He also made a familiar Italian attack on the lopsidedness of EEC agricultural spending, with nearly 50 per cent of the cost of maintaining guaranteed ithin the Community.

prices being accounted for by It was also important that cereals and dairy products.

meaning until a fairer world economic system is found. The commission was set up on the proposal of Mr Robert McNamara, president of the World Bank, after the disap-

pointing outcome of the North-South dialogue in Paris and other international development

conferences. Herr Brandt said he would

announce the commission's pro-gramme during a visit to Delhi on December 21 and 22. The group would meet again in Geneva in March.

He would also discuss North-South problems with President

Brezhnev in Moscow next week-end and tell him that the Com-munist block should not remain

outside the dialogue.

Herr Brandt has already an-

nounced that communist experts will be asked to contribute to

the commission's work. None of its 16 members is from a com-

minist country and Herr Brandt believes that the communist states are not yet ready to participate fully in such a

Strike hits sailings across the Channel

lan Murray Paris, Dec 12

between Britain and France were severely disrupted today at the beginning of a two-day strike by French crews in pro-test at the decision to transfer one ferry to British registration

in the new year.

In Calais and Le Havre the police were called in to move pickets and allow cars and lories to disembark.

The strike was called by the Communist CGT and Socialist CFDT trade union confedera-CFDT trade union confederation in support of the crew of
the Normandy Ferries' ship
Léopard who believe they will
lose their jobs if the planned
transfer takes place.

The Léopard itself failed to
make its scheduled crossing
yesterday from Le Havre to
Southampton and stayed
moored, blocking its berth
throughout the day.

moored, blocking its berth throughout the day.
The strikers' pickets this morning occupied the quayside in Le Havre used by the terry Townsend-Thorenson ferry Viking Venturers which also does the Southampton run and prevented the vehicles on board from landing until the police cleared a way for them.

The police were also in action in Calais on three occasions clearing one of the form unlessing range for the south action in calais on three occasions clearing one of the form unlessing range for the south action in the country to the south action to four unloading ramps for use by British ferries not affected

y the strike.
During the afternoon 200 strikers were helped by dockers to slip on to the open ramp and block it with heavy objects that took the police an hour to clear before the third British ferry was able to lears with its cars and passengers.

There were no services possible either from St Malo, Roscoff and Cherbourg, Hover-

roscorr and Charbourg, Hovercraft services were, however,
running normally.
Normandy Ferries, which
is a P and O sudsidiary,
announced in October that it
would be switching the
Léopard to British registration
because of poor financial
results in recent years. Since
then the company has agreed then the company has agreed that the ship can remain under French registration, but only if the crew accept a reduction n numbers. The French seamen are also

protesting at other losses of French jobs on the cross-Channel run caused by phasing. out of two ships and reducing the crew of a third. ships return: Two British Rail ships had to return to Dover with their passengers still on board. Alternative sailings were being made to Zeebrugge and Ostend.

Pilot and family feared lost

Brandt team puts emphasis

on cooperation not aid

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Dec 12

Madrid, Dec 12
Mr Neil Williams, a former world accobatics champion, is believed to have crashed in a Second World War Heinkel bomber in the moontains of central Spain, with his wife and two children on board.

A former flight lieutenant.

A former flight lieutenant, Mr Williams, aged 42, took off at 9 am on Sunday from the Custro Vientos airport west of Madrid to fly the German bom-ber to Bournemouth, where it was intended for display as a

Parachute line

as plane lands

Oslo, Dec 12.-Mr Arne Husby,

Rygg in western Norway. He

hung a few feet beneath the

aircraft, trying to reach his

knife to cut the line before

"The uncertainty whether the pilot knew I was trapped was the worst thing about it."
Mr Husby said after his 10-minute ordeal. The pilot had

seen him, and set the aircraft in snow beside the runway.— UPL

traps man.

ar 3,000ft.

the landing.

museum piece. But he failed to

museum piece. But he failed to make radio contact with his first checkpoint at Burgos, northern Spain.

A Spanish Air Force spokesman said the aircraft was feared lost in the vicinity of Navacertada, one of the highest and most rugged of Spain's snow-capped central mountain peaks. Arthur Reed, Air Correspondent, writes: Mr Wilkiams is highly experienced in flying old aircraft. He has led the British aerobaric team in international competitions for many years.

Guard accused over paintings

The Hague, Dec 12.—Dutch police have recovered 12 paintings, including a Van Gogh, valued at a total of 500,000 guilders (about £110,000), which were stolen from The Hagoe numicipal museum 10 days ago. They were found undamaged in an attic and a security guard at the museum has charged with theft.-AP.

President Eanes calls for calm while away in Bonn

From Jose Shercliff

aged 22, escaped with a broken On leaving Lisbon early today for an official visit to West Germany, President Eanes gave leg when he was dragged behind a landing light aircraft a warning against public demon-strations during his absence after becoming entangled in his unopened parachute's harness He leaves the political parties which brought down the Social-He was trapped by the autoist Government last week to work out their plans for a new government of national salvamatic parachute-release line during a jumping exercise at

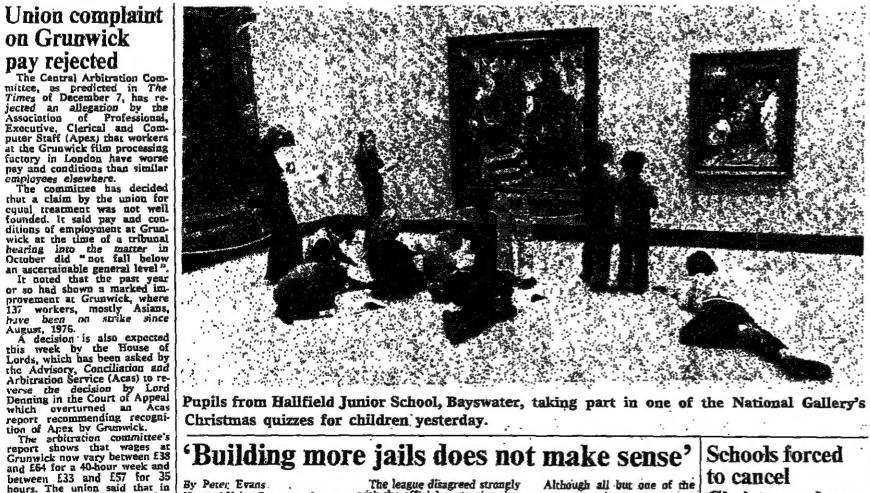
The president said: "I hope and believe that there will not be any demonstrations or other activities to disturb the social stability and serenity which is more necessary than ever." He considered his visit to be.

justified even during this crisis, in view of the relations between Portugal and West Germany which has not only played a prominent part internationally in supporting the young demo-

cratic Portugal, but also its entry into the European Economic Community.

He would also have the opportunity of making contact with Portuguese immigrant workers in Germany, who are of great importance to dielic of great importance to their country. One hundred thousand Portuguese workers in Germany sent home remitrances worth 22,199m escudos (more than 5304m) our of a total m 24,379m escudos received 24,879m escudos received during the first seven months of this year from Portugues workers in all the countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development President Eanes and his wife

Manuels are the guests of President and Prau Wake. Scheil His talks are to cover among other things, Porrugal application to join the EEC and



Pupils from Hallfield Junior School, Bayswater, taking part in one of the National Gallery's Christmas quizzes for children yesterday.

'Building more jails does not make sense'

By Peter Evans. Home Affairs Correspondent

It would save money to treat
a larger number of suitable
offenders outside prison, the
Howard League for Penal Reform told the House of
Commons Expenditure Committee yesterday.

the union wrongly compared trates paid to workers processing cinematic film with those at Grunwick, which provided a service for the amateur photolts memorandum criticizing government policy said: "It simply does not make sense to build more prisons while a sub-stantial number of people are being sent to prison merely for want of more appropriate faci-

The league disagreed strongly with the official contention that "the possibility of financing an increase in probation-based facilities through a major shift of resources from the prison ser-vice is unrealistic."

On the contrary, the league said, where there were two possible ways of dealing with a given category of people, one of which cost several times as much as the other, it was false economy to place restrictions on both Instead, the less expensive service should be allowed to develop, so as to make much greater savings in the other.

new prison projects planned at the beginning of 1976 had been cancelled there were still plans, for 4,700 new places in prisons to be completed by 1981. The league suggests further development of the idea implicit in community service orders of a requirement for the offen-der to make up for the harm caused by his offence. Inflict-

Although all but one of the

ing harm on the offender bene-fited neither the victim nor society. One option would be to make more use of the power to order him to pay compensa-

Application for Skytrain to Los Angeles

Air Correspondent

Laker Airways has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to operate a Skytrain service to Los Angeles at a return fare of about £250, less than half the cost of a normal economy-class nicket. If the authority agrees, the new service could start in

September next year. Mr Freddie Laker, chairman of Laker Airways, said yester-day that since the Skytrain cheap-fare service between vain proaganda gestures. That meant pursuing detente on a world scale.

London and New York began on September 26 it had grossed, more than £2.75m and made a profit of £481,357.

sold was 814 per cent. booking charter Mr Laker said London to Los for next summer

Angeles was a fast-growing route, highly suitable for a second Skytrain service. His would carry more than 400,000 passengers across the Arlantic in the present financial year, and planned to increase that figure to more than 500,000 in the next one.

Mr George Carroll, managing director of Laker Air Travel for London to New York return and £159 for London to Los In 152 Adamtic crossings, and £159 for London to Los Skytrain carried 42,685 passengers. The proportion of seats offered in the Laker advance booking charter programme

Schools forced to cancel Christmas shows

Sheffield schools planning to put on nativity plays and shows to which parents can be invited have been told by the education department that they must ob-tain licences under the Theatres Act, 1968. The licences are issued if school balls satisfy certain regu-

lations on emergency lighting, marked exits, fire escapes and choirs. Some schools cannot make alterations in time and have had to cancel their shows. Mr Graham Chestham, a Conservative councillor, said yesterday: The timing of this move is ridiculous. It means in a lot of hard work for nothing. This Act came into force in 1968 and has not been strictly applied in Sheffield until now."

Abduction charge

Richard Gribble, aged 18, of John Aird Court, Paddington, was sear for trial in custody at Marylebone Magistrate's Court London, yesterday, charged with abducting Mr Kenneth Rill and having a loaded 22 air rifle in London Street, Paddington, with intent to commit an indict-

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Power cuts in France

suspended by unions From Our Own Correspondent

Leaders of the militant unions which have been calling their members in the power supply industry out on strike since the beginning of the mouth agreed today to call oif a further round of cuts planned for Wednesday. They did this after two hours of talks with M Marcel Boiteux, the director

M Marcel Boiteux, the director of Electricité de France.

The union leaders, who have yet to say anything about the cuts they have planned for Friday, decided to suspend the action planned for Wednesday because they felt that they had made M Boiteux think again.

M Boiteux said that certain M Boiteux said that certain proposals had been put to him about which he had extreme reservations but had, in a spirit

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of conciliation, agreed The unions had been threatening to cause voltage reductions of up to 20-per cent on Wednesday between 9 am and 10 am, and 30 per cent reductions on Friday between 9 am and 11 am when the industry's salary commission is

This is a further sign of the increasingly tough attitude heing taken by the Communist trade union confederation CGT and the Socialist CFDT in their demands for a relaxation of the wage restraint imposed by the plan of M Barre, the Prime Minister, to save the

economy.

The hardening of their attitude comes after growing anger about their failure to force the Government to negotiate with them on the salary issue. Electricité de France, a nationalized industry, is unable to break

government guidelines.
At the weekend the unions hecame further angered by the decision of President Glscard d'Estaing to recall M René Monory, the Minister of Indusy from Morocco and M Paul Delouvrier, the president of Electricité de France, from Guatemala. This has given rise to fears that the President might be considering either requisi-tioning the men or even calling

in the Army.

The two men met to discuss the situation today but there are no signs that the Government is considering interfering directly at this stage. The CGT and CFDT refused

to sign this year's wages agree-ment which gave pay rises Nato secrets

'copied in ministry'

of Dr Herberr Lasbs, head of the Defence Ministry's denart-ment for military personnel and their welfare. Cleared by several security

checks, she had access to the ministry's strongroom where top secret documents were kept and clearly handled such docu-ments during her work. The Frunkfurter Allgemeine Zeitung claimed that she ordered document; which interested her and had them photocopied on manis-

The other two are thought to he her husband, Herr Lothar Erwin Lutze, who worked in the armaments department, and Lierr Jürgen Wiegel, an emin the naval chief of staff's department. It appears, however, that these two did not have the same access to military secrets as Frau Lutze.

Captain Kurt Fischer, the Defence Ministry's chief spokes man, told a press conference Frau Lutze had been d by regular security checks and that a further check had heen requested by Herr Laabs about three or four mouths before she was arrested. He did not rule out, however, that "there could have been a certain negligence" in the de

Among the documents apparently photocopied were guide lines for West Germany's defence policy for the coming years; plans for the Bundes-wehr from 1974-78; evaluations by the Bundeswebr of its own strength, combat readiness and failings; details of its structure, personnel, equipment and infra-structure : plans for crises, civil emergencies and standby situa tions; arrangements for mobili zation and for dealing with movements of refugees as well as requirements for future tanks to replace the current Leopards.

The documents will have en-abled the Warsaw Pact to plan its own strategy accordingly "end considerably improved its chances of influencing the military balance of power in its own favour", the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zetung said.

Student shot dead by police in Tenerife

From Our Correspondent Madrid, Dec 12

Angry citizens raised street barricades tonight after police in Tenerife opened fire on one and seriously injuring at least one other.

In connexion with a general strike called by the Canary Islands workers' confederation. students were holding a number of unauthorized assemblies in San Cristóbal de la Laguna the paramilitary Civil Guard intervened and opened

The circumstances of the shooting were not immediately clear. According to one version group of police was attacked rioting students and fired at

Definition of adult suffrage is agreed at talks in Salisbury

From Nichalas Ashford Salisbury, Dec 12

The Rev Ndabaningi Sithole. one of Rhodesia's black

nationalist leader, said today that agreement on the definition of the term "universal adult suffrage" had been reached in the talks taking place between the Rhodesian Government and three internnationalist movements.

Mr Sixhole, who is head of the African National Council (Sithole), was commenting at the end of the third and longest round of talks in the present series. Further progress was made on the key issues of the franchise and constitutional

There are now hopes that agreement on broad principles could be reached by the end of this week, after which the leaders of the four delegations would hand over to committees to work on details. Negotia-tions are to resume on Wednesday.

Mr Sithole was asked whether agreement had been reached on universal adult suffrage. "in the terms that you understand it." He replied simply: "Yes"

There ind been some concern among the nationalists about whether Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, had really meant one man, one wore when he said he accepted the principle of adult suffrage.

There were still a number of constitutional problems that had to be resolved, Mr Sithole said, but he felt that none of them was insurmountable. He particularly appreciated the "friendly and frank" atmosphere in which the discussions were being conducted. At today's session, which asted almost three-and-a-half hours, it was agreed that the chairmanship of the talks

should rotate to a representa-tive of each of the four delega-tions in turn. Mr Sichole chaired tions in turn. Mr Sichole chaired toriny's meeting.

The fact that Mr Smith was prepared, for the first time since his unilateral declaration of independence 12 years ago, to take part in formal negotiations under the chairmanship of a black nationalist symbolizes the apparent desire by all the parties involved to

ensure that this round of talks

A statement issued at the end of today's meeting stated that the talks had proceeded in a

the talks had proceeded in a friendly atmosphere and that delegates had expressed their opinions "very frankly".

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National Council, said afterwards that the talks were friendly and honest. Mr Smith commented: "I can assure you that progress is being made."

Although the four delegations

Although the four delegations have agreed not to reveal the contents of the talks to the press, it is believed that the main points being discussed include a blocking third mechanism in any future parliament, safeguards for civil servants, pensions and citizenship, a bill of rights and the independence of the judiciary.

The question of the future composition of the security forces has yet to be discussed in detail. This is likely to prove the most difficult part of the negotiations.

negotiations.

Although the three nationalist groups, who do not possess armies of their own, realize they will have to rely on the existing Rhodesian forces to provide the basis of a new Zimbabwe defence force, they would like to see certain controversial units disbanded and the inclusion in the new force of some guerrillas.

Today's talks produced a sour response from the spokesmen of the two organizations representing the twin wings of the externally based Patriotic Front, which is not taking part in the talks.

talks.

A spokesman of the African National Council (Zimbabwe), the internal branch of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu Organization, described the talks as "s political piculc". They disregarded the fact that the Rhodesian situation had become militarized. No solution could be achieved without taking that The Rev Thompson Tirivavi,

publicity secretary of the People's Movement, which rep-resents Mr Robert Mugabe's Zami organization inside Rhodesia, said the talks were designed only for Mr Smith to buy time to remain in power. There to remain in power. There could be no transfer of power to the African majority until the security forces had been re-shaped completely.

Love, marriage and the rule of law still interest ordinary Chinese

A railway worker's view from a Peking park

Peking, Dec 12

Love and marriage, laws and their shortcomings, China's leadership, the reasons why Vice-Chairman Teng Hsiao-ping

is so popular—up to now it was virtually impossible to raise these subjects with the Chinese

But Mr Tien Li, a railway worker, aged 28, who recently married a Frenchwoman, Odile Pierquin, spake quite freely with me at a meeting in a Peking park.

The arrival of uniformed police and security troops, who had been tipped off about this highly unusual meeting between a Chinese and a foreigner, did not stop the discussion: the security men kept their distance. These are Mr Tian's

Chinese Chinese women: "I married the woman I love and whom I wanted to marry, an intelligent wanted to marry, an intelligent woman with an open mind, and that is important for the future. Women in China are still influenced quite a bit by feudal ideas and it is difficult to make them equal because they have far fewer interests than men. obsessed by feudal ideas but they live in such social con-

that these conditions impose their status on them."

Love and marriage in China: "Outside university where there is isolation (speaking about love is strictly forbidden), young people who get to know each other when they are about 19 or 20 have normal relations. They go out to cinemas, to parks, to restaurants and so on.

"Sometimes when they know each other really well they introduce each other to their families. But there is no question of going to bed or even dancing together. "Before the Cultural Revolu-

tion there were dances on Sarurday and Sunday nights. At Yennan (a red base in the 1930s and 1940s) there was dancing. Dancing is not an important matter and since the smashing of the 'gang of four', people have been trying to get back to the spirit of Yennan-a kind of togetherness to over-come difficulties—but nobody is interested in dancing

"Now the young people are acting more in line with their own feelings and have fewer worries about the things that are forbidden. They only have to read Origins of the Family

by Engels. He said sexual relations should not be based on social decrees or restrictions, "When I was a student in but on love." Chinese law: "Ours is the first

case of marriage between a French girl and a Chinese man and it took a decision by the highest leaders of the state. I hope that in future there will be clear, laws that will system-

be clear, laws that will system-atically permit marriages be-tween Chinese and foreigners, laws to which one can refer.

"Whether a country is capit-alist or socialist there have to be written laws that people are told about. Socialist laws in a socialist country, but laws. What socialist country, but laws. What exists in China is neither complete nor even adequate."
Why is Mr Teog Hsiao-ping so
popular? "Teng Hsiao-ping

popular? Teng Hsiau-ping wants economic progress in China above all, the raising of the people's standard of living. His mind is materialistic and not idealistic. When he says something he doet it. So the Chinese people trust him. He does not think about his own interests his own privileges or his career, but about the his career, but about the general interests and those of China.

"Besides that, Teng strongly supports the coming together of couples who are separated by their work throughout the

Shanghai it was the time (1976) when people were criticizing Teng Hsiao-ping, and he was criticized far more in Shanghai than elsewhere (Shanghai was considered the stronghold of the gang of four). But as far as I was concerned I supported

Teng. for I believed by vest someone who could only do good for China.

"However, at that time I could not say so openly. At the faculty criticism meeting I never said one weed against the faculty criticism meeting I never said one weed against the faculty criticism meeting I never said one weed against the faculty criticism meeting to review the Helsinki accord responded against, saying that America never said one word against Teng so as not to say what I did not think."

The Chinese leadership: "The country's leaders including Teng Hsiao-ping now have one shortcoming. Before the Culsnortcoming. Before the Cut-tural Revolution they used to go to the factories, homes, and the countryside to see the people's real living conditions. Now they do not do this enough.

"Those on the spot visits showed a feeling of democracy, showed a feeling of democracy. If they are not carried out then democracy suffers. If the leaders make these visits they can find out the state of mind of the people. At Yennan, this was one of the cadres' regular

Soviet anger at human rights attack by US

Belgrade. Dec 12.—The United States sharply attacked the Soviet Union at the Belgrade conference today for impulsioning human rights activists who tried to put the 1975 Heisinki agreement into

angrily, saying that America "has no moral right to teach other countries about human

Mr Spencer Oliver, the American delegate, toki the conference that the United States had observed repeated viola-tions of the pact's human rights guarantees.

"There are prisoneral like Mykola Rudenko and Alexei Tekhy, founders of the Ukrainian group to promote observ-ance of the Helsinki accord in the Sovier Union who were the Soviet Union who were given maximum sentences—12 and 15 years' has of freedom, respectively—for merely exercising the rights which Principle Seven for the agreement guarantees". Mr Oliver said.

We could so on and menof fundamental human rights, including the names of political prisoners, of people who are in prison or in exite because they merely sought to practise then religion or to express their opinions or thoughts", he said. opinions or thoughts", he said.
It was the strongest American attack on the Soviet Union at the conference in five weeks, and only the third time that American delegates have mentioned specific human rights cases by name.

Mr. Vadim Leginov, the Soviet delegate, reforted: "The United States has no moral

United States has no moral right to teach other countries about human rights. Life in the United States is not perfect. It includes the right to go without evnensive medical care and the right of minorities to be discriminated against.

"So who are to be the judges of others?" he asked. "Are the judges to be those who used mopulm and terrible weapons mornim and terrible weapons of destruction to kill hundreds of thousands of people in Vietnam and wine hundreds of villages off the face of the earth? Or those who planned secret CIA programmes to try to assassing foreign statesmen? Or those who use political appropriate waying the language of the people will be appropriate waying the contraction. gangsterism against civil rights activists in the United States? Mr Oliver was speaking in support of an American pro-

support or an American pro-pord that the conference should issue a broadly-worded reaftir-mation of the Helsinki human rights guarantees. "We are concerned when we observe repeated violations of human rights in some signatory countries. violations which directly contradict the promises which were made in Helsinki more than two years ago.", he

Moscowe Tass roday called report by President Carter on human rights violations in Russia a biased document. It said the United States had nothing to teach others about human rights as long as it had "nearly seven million un-employed, 23 million illiterates and 30 million people living below the poverty threshold". —UPI.

Sakharov appeal to American labour From Frank Vogi Los Angeles, Dec 12

In a message to the American In a message to the American trude union conference here. Dr Andrei Sakharav, the Soviet dissidem, culled for increased Western efforts to support human rights in the Soviet Union. The message was read to the meeting by Mr George Meany, the prdesident of the AFL-CIO trade union organization.

The several months to AFL-CIO tried to brink Rt Sakharov and five other dissidents to its conference but the Soviet authorities refused exit visas. Or Sakharov sent his message through the United States Embassy in Moscow. He pointed out that he nover

received the many invitations by the AFL-CIO but "rather, 1" received an envelope with a mocking drawing of the extinct monster, the brontosaurus. The KGB evidently had in mind those they call reactionaries, perhaps you, Air Meany, and, of course, me".

Eminent people now in prison or in eatle included Sergey

son or, in exile included Sergey
Kovalyov, Semyon Gluzman
Anatoly Marchenko, Andrei
Tverdokhleboy, and Mikola
Rudenko. Americans is particular should seek the release of the artist Peter Ruban, convic-ted for preparing a commemorative present—a wooden book with a model of the Statue of Liberty?as a gift to them in honour of the bicentenary. A standing ovation was given Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, who left the Soviet Union a year ago. He lamented the lack of reudiness on the part of many Western trade unionists to show solidarity with Soviet workers.

Bargaining behind scenes delays US energy Bill

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 12

There now seems little chance that Congress will complete work on the energy Bill before Christmas. The two
Houses will probably adjourn
at the end of next week and
reconvene on January 19 in a

new session. The conferences in which the Senate and House of Represen-tatives versions of the energy Bill (or Bills) are being considered continue to make haste slowly. One of the conferences concerns itself with taxation and has adjourned until the other, which deals with every-thing else, completes its work. much intensive bargaining gues, on, and President Carter's last hope for an energy Bill is that, a sudden rush of Christmas theer will persuade senators and congressmen to settle the matter.

The conference on taxation approved of a tax on "gas-guzzlers"—motor cars which consume an inordinate amount of petrol. It set a condition to its approval, however, and the condition is not being met. It emanded that the second conference vote against a ban-introduced in the Senate, on the manufacture of cars which fail to meer minimum standards of fuel efficiency.

South Africa to keep troops in Namibia

(Namibia), Mr R. F. Boths, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, resterated in a broadcast yester-day. The size of the force could fluctuate, however. It would depend on the nature of the

threat "If the threat is great and severe and imminent, you would have more troops, if a procedure can be evolved in terms of which the threat can be dimi-nished then, naturally, there will be a decrease in the num-

south Arrica was committed to maintain law and order in the territory on behalf of the inhabitants. "We have got to do our best to find a peaceful solution because the alternatives may be very catastrophic." he said and outlined what was in prospect.

We are committed to an independence for South-West Africa based on the territory as a whole, in other words—no fragmentation, discrimination based on colour to be removed, a constituent assembly to be elected by the inhabitants of the territory to decide on a consti-tution on the basis of one man, one vote.

The South-West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), which has been waging a guerrilla war into the territory from

Western representatives from the United Nations Security Council met early this month to resolve this impose, but there was no reported progress.
Mr Botha also said South

Africa had agreed with western diplomats to release political prisoners in the territory, but who would qualify as a "poliwho would qualify as a was still subject The other side claims that

nished then naturally, there will be a decrease in the number of troops. It's as easy as that."

South Africa was committed to maintain law and order in the territory on behalf of the with that, but we have agreed the territory on behalf of the with that, but we have agreed the territory on behalf of the with that, but we have agreed the territory on behalf of the with that, but we have agreed the territory on behalf of the with that, but we have agreed the territory of the ter that the Secretary-General (of the United Nations) can appoint a panel of jurists consisting of four persons and that they would decide any disputes in this particular field."

He hoped for independence before the end of 1978 and that was a date South Africa was committed to. "As far as we are concerned, if it can take place sooner we will gladly accept that", he said.—UPI Lusaka, Dec 12.—Envoys of the United States, Britain, France, West Germany and Canada today briefed Mr Sam Nujoma, chairman of, Swapo, on their talks with South Africa over Namibia's inde-

Third World report

Spassky fights back: Boris Spassky, the

Soviet grandmaster, last night looked set to beat Viktor Korchnoi when the eighth

game of their 20-match series in Belgrade

to find a challenger to Anatoly Karpov, of the Soviet Union, the world chess cham-

Brazil rethinks Amazonia plans Johannesburg, Dec 12—South Angola, has insisted that South Africa will not withdraw its Africa's troops be withdrawn after 10 years of depredation troops from South-West Africa prior to elections. Tens of thousands of them

sideration after a decade of al-most uncontrolled development. In the past 10 years, 7,000 miles of roads have been driven through the jungle. Three hun-dred cattle ranches have been dred cattle ranches have been carved out, and a berd of six million head built up. A million new settlers have been moved in, and about a fifth of the forest has already disappeared. To encourage people to go to the area, tax refunds and other fiscal incentives worth \$400m (250m; \$220m), were a sixen. (about £220m) were given to companies, many of them trans-

nationals, which agreed to invest in Amazonia Plots of land have been given away almost free to tens of thou-sands of colonists. But if Amazonia is now on the map, it has also been threatened with being wiped off it, such has been the impact of change. For example, in their haste to get a rapid recurn, cattlemen bave cut down and burnt trees, rather than recover the timber. Yet total reserves of quality

wood may be worth as much Now, however, senior officials the Amazonia Development Authority (Sudam), in Belem,

Brazil's Amazonian policy is undergoing profound reconsideration after a decade at the tomag round to the idea that wood is Amazonia's most valuable renewable resource, and that it must not be reconsideration after a decade at the coming round to the idea that wood is Amazonia's most valuable renewable resource, and that it must not be reconsideration after a decade at the coming round to the idea that wood is Amazonia's most valuable renewable resource, and that it must not be reconsidered. and that it must not be wasted.

This new policy has the favour of scientists at the Amazonian Research Institute

(Inpa) at Manaus. Mr Warwick Kerr, the Inpa director, says that if tree felling continues at the present rate there will be no forest left in 25 to 30 years. In the light of experience, the grandiose schemes for occupy-ing Amazonia are slowing down, while careful experiments are showing that many crops grow extremely well along the fertile banks of the hundreds of

Coffee. cocoa, palm oil, pep-per and fruits give high yields. Soya has also produced extra-ordinary yields in experimental planting. But the scientists at lings are cautious about single crop plantations, as many plant diseases spread very rapidy in the bot, humid conditions.

There is another threat to Amazonia besides that of de-forestation for the hig cattle ranches. Agricultural mechan-ization and the creation of large estates in the south of Brazil have displaced hundreds of thousands of peasants in a pro-cess similar to the "enclo-sures" in Europe.

have just squatted on pieces of jungle, using slash and burn methods which exhaust the land in a few years. They then move on and repeat the pro-cess, while the abandoned plot may take 80 years to recover.

have headed for Amazonia, overwhelming the colonization

schemes designed to give each colonist a 400-acre plot in fer-

Most of the landless peasants

pion, was adjourned. Korchnoi, seen above enjoying a joke with his secretary, leads the series 5-2. Experts said Spassky was

in the stronger position when the game was

adjourned after 42 moves of a French

This is almost as great a threat to the ecology as are the cartle ranchers. But the word is already getting back to the south that things are not as good as they first seemed. The flow of migrants seems to be diminishing, as disease, accidents and the toughness of conditions takes a heaver toll ditions takes a heavy toll. There are still many untapped

resources in Amazonia. Aerial radar surveys are revealing that the region is rich in many minerals.

Among them are the non-ferrous metals which Brazil now has to import, notably copper and tin, and coal. Besides almost unlimited reserves of from ore, manganese and bauxite, the latest discovery has been said outlant. has been gold, thousands of tons of it. perhaps

Right-wing gains in Turkish poll

Ankara, Dec 12

As the tedious tast through the complicated votes of Sunday's local elections continued today, it became clear that the extreme right-wing Nationalist Action Party of Mr Alparsien Turkes, the Vice-Premier, was on the rise.

With five provincial capitals ont of 67 and at least 30 other nunicipalities assured, Mr Turkes, who had won only four municipalities out of 1,624 in 1973, was jubilant. Most political observers doubted his post-election claim

that his party was "eating away of the electoral base of the Republican People's Party ", Mr

few doubted that the NAP had

replaced the pro-Islamic National Salvation Party of Mr

Necmettin Erbakan, the other

Berne, Dec 12.-The United

States and the Soviet Union

have made progress at their

latest talks here on scaling down

their military activities in the

Indian Ocean, and agreed to continue discussions here early

next year, a Soviet spokesman said today.

Mr Leonid Ovtchyinnikov, the Soviet press attaché, told reporters that the latest round

ended on Saturday after only

Bulent Ecevit's opposition

expected

Nonetheless,

political grouping.
The extremely low turnout, the extremely low turnout, which is not expected to go over 40 per cent, may have played a part in Mr Turkes's gains, but his increasing strength is a source of unease at his coalition partners as well to his coalition partners as well as to those who see his party

Mr Ecevit's

The Justice Party of Mr cope with.

one week instead of two be- for an agreement aimed

The delegations discussed pro- and security in the Indian posals put forward on both sides. Ocean ", it added.—Reuter.

as a threat to democracy. Mr Turkes's opponents criticize his party's self-avowed "narionalistic and socialistic" theories, and throw the blame for most of the recent political violence on the NAP's para-military youth movement, "the Grey Wolves" as they call

Republican People's Party re-mains the main political power

capitals it holds from 33 in 1973 to 42.

cause "things went more smoothly and quickly than

ington and Moscow before the next round in the Swiss capital,

Both sides made new proposals which will be discussed by their Governments in Wash-

Progress on force cuts in Indian Ocean

Turkey, having increased number of provincial

Vice-Premier, as Turkey's third political grouping.

The extremely low turnout, Suleiman Demirel, the Prime Minister, is still the number two party, although the number of provincial capitals it holds dropped from 22 to 15.

But Mr Demisel's continuing partnership with Mr Turkes and Mr Erbakan is creating more than a little unrest within his own party, as the resignations of three of his party's deputies on election day showed. Mr Erbakan, on the other hand, seems content with the number of votes his mainly

traditionalist and religious vot

ers give him. His vote remains more or less constant. The elections also definitely confirmed the demise of the smaller parties, be they rightwing, like the Democratic Party or the National Reliance Party, or left-wing, like the Turkish Labour Party. All of these had once been political forces to

limitation of their military acti-vities in the Indian Ocean.

the delegations agreed to con-

tioue their work at an early date. Both sides share the view

that achieving such an agree-ment would be in their mutual

interests and would also further

"The talks were positive, and

Turks to join inquiry into

missing Cypriots Nicosia, Dec 12—Mr Tassos
Papadopoules, the Greek
Cypriot degotiator, today announced agreement in principle
with the Turkish community on setting up a commission to look into the fare of persons missing since the 1974 war.

Mr Papadopoulos said a draft agreement on the commis-sion, which would include re-presentatives from both com-Red Cross, was reached after two weeks of "laborious negotiations" in New York and Nicosia.

Mr Papadopoulos said the which was engineered largely by the United States, would take up humanitarian aspects of the Cyprus problem but was not a step towards a political solution. "The question of 2,000 mis-

sing Greek Cypriots is purely humanitarian, and these de-velopments (creation of the commission) cannot be considered as progress towards a political settlement of the probem."-Agence France-Presse.

President of Greek Parliament elected

Athens, Dec 12.-Mr Demo trios Papaspyrou, aged 75, a deputy of the ruling New Demo-craty Party, was tonight elected president of the new Greek Mr Ovtchylmnikov said interests and would also further A joint American-Soviet communiqué issued tonight said: tensions and strengthen peace Parliament by 157 of the members present.

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US tries to bring King Husain into Middle East peace round despite absence from Cairo

Vance began talks today with king Husain on how to bring Jordan into the Middle East though President Sadat is negotiations. Reporters travelling with the Secretary of State were told that the United tSates

Middle East leader but requires those elements make him an assurance from the Israelis cautious about any moves that that they will make some concession on two vital issues: the sovereignry of the West Bank area, and the status of the old city of Jerusalem and its holy

shrines.
Mr Vance, who has already Mr Vance, who has already been in Egypt, flew to Amman from Jerusalem, where he and Mr Begin, the Prime Minister, talked about the strategy for the Cairo conference which opens on Wednesday. Mr Begin said Israel hopes the conference will produce a settlement betwee Egypt and Israel which can then be used as a model for a treaty between Israel and its other Arah neighbours. for a treaty between Israel and its other Arab neighbours.

The talks between King Husain and Mr Vance began afternoon at the this afternoon at the Hashemiyah Palace, in the foot-

believes King Husain wants to join the talks and that a means will be found. This may not occur multi after the first session. American officials in Amman believe he has perhaps a larger stake in peace than any other Middle East leader but requires could be interpreted as being over-eager in his dealings with the Israelis.

After he leaves Ammau, Mr Vance will fly to Beirut and then to Damascus and Saudi Arabia. His mission will be the same as he described in a Washington new conference last week to maintain the last week to maintain the momentum set by the Sadat visit to Jerusalem.

Damascus: Syrian leaders indicated today that they would not see Mr Vance if he were carrying a message for them from Israel.

Commenting on press reports to this effect the official Syrian Arab News Agency quoted sources close to President Assad as saying that "Syria will excuse itself from

is carrying a letter from the Israeli leaders to the Syrian leaders ".

In Amman, however, a spokesman for Mr Vance described any suggestion that the Secretary of State was bearing such a note from Israel as nonsense ".

The Syrian newspaper Tishrin said today that Washington and Tel Aviv alone could not dictate the terms of a Middle East agreement. "No just and dur-able peace in the Middle East can be achieved by excluding the Soviet Union, which is one of the main participants in the Geneva conference, or by con-spiring against the Palestine

spiring against the Palestine, Liberation Organization of trying to push Syria into a corner, it said.

Meanwhile, Mr George Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, voiced the hardline Arab position in an interview today with the newspaper As

Arab position in an interview today with the newspaper As Safir.

"The only just solution" to the Arab-Israeli conflict, he said, "is to destroy this aggressive fascist racist state (Israel) in order to replace it by a socialist democratic state that would realize justice for all of its citizens, regardless of race or creed."—UPL

Egypt set for peace conference

Cairo, Dec 12.—Egypt was making final arrangements today for Wednesday's preparatory Middle East peace conference still hopeful that Jordan, and perhaps also the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), might eventually attend.

So far the only two parties directly involved in the conflict attending the conference are Israel and Egypt. The United States has also agreed to attend the meeting, which is to be held under United Nations auspices. The PLO and Syria oppose the meeting, while Jordan and Lebanon have found various diplomatic reasons for not coming.

Dr Butros Ghali, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said sentences in the venting weeks. In a move expected to incide further wrath from the PLO bardhiners, Egyptian officals met briefly today with independent Palestinian notables from the Israeli-occupied Arab territory. A PLO group had threatened to kill Palestinians who participated in such a meeting The meeting had originally been expected to include only Palestinians from the Gaza surp, formerly administered by Egypt. But Cairo radio said some Palestinians from the West

Eritreans

port on

storm vital

the Red Sea

Rome, Dec 12.—Eritrean rebels are storming Ethiopia's viral Red Sea port of Massawa

and have captured one of its four districts, a rebel apokes-man said in Rome today.

He reported fierce hand-to-

hand fighting and said that Ethiopian troops and their Cuban advisers were disging wells and trenches in the off-shore Dahlak Islands,

apparently in readiness to retreat there. The spokesman, Mr Ermias Debesai of the

Entrean People's Liberation Front, told Reuters that 15 Ethiopian tanks bad been

The Front says the present battle for Massawa began when

the Ethiopians made a deter-mined effort to break out and

mined errors to break out and reopen the road to Asmara. Rebels say they threw in 10,000 men to stop them, turning the tide in fighting at the end of last week round Dogali, about 12 miles intend: "The Ethio-

pians are getting weaker all the time", Mr Ermias said today.—

Mogadishu: Pro-Somali forces

Mogadishu: Pro-Somali forces killed 1,000 Ethiopian troops and wounded 467 in a battle on Sarurday 18 miles south of Negele in Ethiopia's southern Sidamo province, it was reported here today. A builtein from the "Somali liberation forces", said its troops had also shot down as Ethiopian F5 fighter bomber and captured six jeeps armed with 106mm cannon.

Seven civilians were killed

and eight others wounded on

Friday when Ethiopian aircraft attacked lories on the road linking Hargeisa, northern Somalia, with Jijiga in Harrarghe, the Somali news agency reported today. The agency said the attack came as the aircraft were returning to base after a raid on Hargeisa in which 10 people were killed and 10 others injured. (Ethiopia has denied attacking Hargeisa.)—Agence France-Presse.

Nairobi: Somalia today accused the Soviet Union of trying to cause a bloodbath in the Horn

of Africa "to bring down the states which do not kow-tow to the Russian line".

Russians of trying to establish a powerful military presence

on the shores of the Red Sea to dictate the movements of ships

Beigrade, Dec 12 In an effort to stop appeals

on human rights by Romanian

citizens reaching the outside world, the Romanian authorities

have imposed a thorough search

on Western journalists leaving the country by air.

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Reporters searched before

in the sea lanes".--UPI.

From Dessa Trevisan

Mogadishu radio accused the

Agence France-Presse.

Bank had also joined the meet-ing, which the radio said had voiced support for Mr Sadar's

policy.

Meanwhile, security forces armed with sub-machien guns began moving into the grounds of Mena House, the 103-year-old hoel, where the conference will

be hald,
The conference will start at 10.0 am on Wednesday. There will be a brief inaugural session and then the delegates will move into secret session. The working isguage of the conference will be English.

Dr Ghali has said Egypt has already prepared a number of

already prepared a number of documents containing proposals on how to achieve peace in the region.—Reuter and UPL Beirut strike in protest

The original suspension was

langist leader.
Mr Pierre Gemayel disavowed any connexion between the Phalangists and the closure of

Arab troops seized a photo-grapher working for the Beaut newspaper An Nahar, and con-fiscated his film of the distur-Mr Gemeyel and Mr Camille Chamoun, the head of the right-

Dances.

Le Reveil was suspended on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for violating censorship regulations, but it came out again on

at newspaper suspension Beirut, Dec 12.—Christian Friday and was given a second subsists today set off explosive suspension for yesterday, today Beirui, Dec 12.—Christian rightists today set off explosive charges, built barricades of burning tyres and enforced a general strike in east Beirut to protest against the suspension of the rightist French-language newspaper Le Reveil.

Syrican troops of the Arab peacekeeping force strengthened their patrols in the area and arrested six people for throwing explosives. No casualties or serious damages suspension for and tomorrow.

for defying censorship by printing an article about Palestinians buying hand in south Lebanon.

The newspaper, is part-owned by Mr Amin Gemayel, the son of Mr Pierre Gemayel, the Phalancia Leder.

casualties or serious damages were reported.

The general strike closed shops in east Beirut and other erees of the Christian heartland. areas. He said: "Those who took part in the strike should seturn to their work. The Phalangist party does not accept that anyone is stronger that the state or the President of the Republic".

wing National Liberal Party, met President Sarkis today to discuss the protests.--UPI.

Israel eager to shore up Mr Sadat's position

From Edward Mortamer Jerusalem, Dec 12
Israel is wilking to discuss with Egypt the issues of the Gaza strip, the West Bank and

the Palestinians, even though Jordan and the Palestinians are not likely to atten dihe Cairo talks starting on Wednesday.

Mr Moshe Dayan, Israel's Foreign Minister, confirmed this at a foreign press luncheon in Jerusalem today before leaving for a Cabinet meeting to agree the brief for Israel's delegates to the talks,

Israel would discuss any issue that would make it easier for President Sadat to maintain his President Sadat to maintain his position in the Arab world while continuing the movement towards peace, Mr Dayan said.

He said Egypt was happy with the present level of the delegation being sent to Cairo, led by Mr Eliahu Ben Elissar, director-general of the Prime Minister's office. Tarks at that level, without Arab parties other than Egypt taking part, must, how-

Egypt taking part, must, however, exhaust their role within 10 days.

If President Sadat got no results in that time, he would be in trouble with other Arab

committees. Israel was wilking to discuss a territorial partition of the West Bank and the Gaza strip. Mr Dayan reaffirmed. He still did not believe it was a work-

able solution, however.

No Arab party had ever proposed such a solution, he said, only the reutrn of the whole territory, which Israel had often said it could not accept.

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In any case, Mr Dayan said,
existing Israeli settlements in
the occupied territories would
not determine the fined boundary. Settlement in the West dary. Settlement in the West Bank should be the right of Jews", both before and after peace treaties were con-cluded.

If the negotiations led to a territorial partition leaving existing settlements beyond Istael's border "either they will be removed or, by nontual agreement, they will stay there".

According to President Sadar's demand for the restitution of every such of land won by Israel during the war of 1967, Mr Dayan said, such Jewish sites as the present Hebrew University and Hadassch Hospital on Mount Scopus would be under Arab sovereignty "just because in the 1948 war we lost it.

"You can tell that I do not exactly feel this way about it," he said, "but what I do think is that we should sit down and discuss it."

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On the other hand, he hoped

the Israeli Government would not discuss the establishment of a seperate Palestinian state on the West Bank. or the West Bank.

Istael was ready to negociate a peace agreement with Egypt alone, if Egypt wanted that, but was also "ready to discuss with them the other Arab

boundary questions,
"They do not pretend they
have the right to sign treaties
on behalf of Syria or Jordan, but at they want to discuss them we are ready to do it," he said.

Onebec shivers

Quebec, Dec 12.—A power failure left 85,000 Quebec residents without electricity for three quarters of an abour last night with temperatures as low as -18°C.—Reuter.

Soviet snag in Tokyo-Peking pact

Tokyo, Dec 12

Caught in the crossive of the Sino-Soviet dispute, Japan will refuse to sign a proposed peace and friendship treaty with China in the near future if the terms of the part antagonize Moscow, Mr Sunao Somoda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, declared today.

Mr Sonoda issued this statement today after reports which suggest that Japan, encouraged by the growing opportunities of trade with China, might sign the proposed part with Peking by next March. Negotiations have dragged on for three years because China insists that the document must Caught in the crossfire of

insists that the document must contain an "anti-hegemony clause", which is an indirect attack on the Soviet Union's role in Asia.

role in Asia.

Johns by reports that Japan is preparing to sign the treaty with China, Moscow apparently warned Tokyo earlier this month that Japan will be banned from operating within Russia's 200-mile fishing zone if the unfavourable "anti-hegemony" clause is written into the treaty.

Speaking to journalists to-day, Mr Sounds brushed off questions regarding the pro-posed date of the signing of the treaty, but he admitted that Mr Shoji Sato, the Japanese Ambassador in Peking, has netword to Tokyo to brief the

A search of this kind is un-

usual for Romania and is sur-prising when the journalists affected had come to Bucharest

for the Communist Party con-

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It seems to have begun when the police discovered that Mr Clus Bergman, the Belgrade-based correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter, was intending to fly our with a manuscript of a saurical book on Romania and an appeal by a Romanian citizen m

appeal by a Romanian citizen to the Belgrade conference and the United Nations about the infringement of human rights in the country.

new attempts to placate the all four of Soviet Union today. "It is not be returned."

During the treaty with any tration if that treaty regards enother nation as an enemy. We want the proposed treaty with China to fay down a lasting peace in Asia, and that cannot occur while China and the Soviet Union are enemies", he stated.

Referring to reports that lapanese fishing fleets might be banned from Soviet waters if an unfavourable pact with China is radiced, Mr Sounda "The Soviet Union might not

like the treaty but I do not trade surplus. think that the Soviet Union or deny reports that the Sovier Union has in fact, issued such an ultimatum.

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Moscow is actually hoping to sign a similar treary with Japan. As Mr Sonoda made clear today, Japan's "relations with Moscow are good in general, but Japan still has to settle its territorial claims with the Soviet Union".

He was referring to the four He was referring to the four islands in the northern Kurile chain which were occupied by the Soviet Union at the end of the Second World War. Dealing with rumours that the Soviet Union might hand

does not change. We insist that all four of the islands should

During the past three decades the Soviet Union has consist-ently turned a deaf ear to Japan's claims to the islands and there is no evidence that Moscow will soften its stance in the near future. However, Mr Sonoda said that Japan, if in-vited, would be willing to participate in massive developmen projects in the Soviet Union. The Japanese Foreign Min-ister also reiterated promises that Japan will soon send a special envoy to Brussels to offer Europe trade concessions. designed to reduce Japan's huge

Mr Sonoda said an "appro would take action unbettuing to mation of its size and status."

Mr Sonoda refused to confirm or deny reports that the Sovier Union has, in fact, issued such Ushiba, Japan's special envoy, flew to Washington last week-and in present a package proend to present a package pro-gramme of trade concessions to President Carter's Administra-

Washington has so far described the concessions as "in-adequate" and independent observers believe that the package plan is unlikely to reduce Japan's huge trade surplus for several years. Reliable sources also suggest that the Japanese Government will present the the Soviet Union might hand same package plan to Europe, back two minor islands to Japan and there is little or no hope in return for a peace treaty, Mr Sonoda said: "Japan's stand granted.

Cosmonauts start work in orbiting laboratory

Soviet cosmonauts orbiting on board the Salyut 6 space laboratory today began to activate it and check its systems.

Tass reported that Lieutenant-Colonel Yuri Romanepko and Mr Georgy Greeken awoke at 7 am and started their third day in space with breakfast and a medical check-up. Both were in good condition, according to their own reports, and transmitted information on their physical condition.

The two cosmonauts were launched into orbit on Saturday in Soyuz 26 and linked up with

Moscow, Dec 12.-The two Salyut 6 early yesterday, entering the previously unoccupied orbital laboratory after docking in space.

Salvut 6 is orbiting the earth every 90 minutes at altitudes ranging between 204.4 miles and 165.9 miles. An earlier attempt by Soyuz 25 to dock with it failed.

The Soviet press has said the Soyuz 26 expedition has plans for "important and complicated work", which Western experts say could mean the simultaneous doclars of a second say count mean the sands tameous docking of a second Soyuz space capsule for re-supplying Salyut 6 or possibly changing crews.—UPL.



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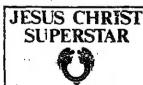
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He will be heard in his more He will be heard in his more normal guise as a tenor in two performances of Britten's opera Death in Venice, in a programme of duets with Ian Partridge, including some settings of poems by Walt Whitman specially written by David Bedford, and in a performance of Britten's Noye's Fludde.

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The other artistic director, Mstislav Rostropovich, the Russian cellist and conductor, will present a programme of cello suites, a sone recital with his wife Galina Vishnevskaya and a corect conducting the Space. wife Galina Vishnevskaya and a contert conducting the Snape Maltings Training Orchestra. Other visitors to Aldeburgh will include the Amadeus Quarter, the Beaux Arts Trio, Sir Clifford Curzon, the English Chamber Orchestra, Kent Orchestra, with Monteverdi's Origo

Monaco.

Rostropovich has only just become an artistic director, following the death of his close friend Lord Britten, and speaking in London he said that plans for the 1979 festival included a visit to Aldeburgh by the National Symphony. Orchestra of Washington, of which he is permanent conductor. He also hoped that they could celebrate the centenary of the first performance in Moscow of Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin. He said the opera had originally been composed for young students, and thus he felt it would be right to present it at Aldeburgh with a youth orchestra and young singers.

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It is surprising how often the simplest things in the theatre are the most successful. George Balanchine's Vienna Waltzes consists largely of couples simply waltring, but it has established itself quickly not only as one of the most popular pieces in New York City. Ballet's repertory but a work to draw in an audience that would not otherwise go to ballet. Tickets are as hard, to come by as for a hit Broadway musical, and when an extra performance was announced instead of another work, a poorly booked Thanksgiving Day house promptly sold out.

Woods and a dozen or so couples gradually assemble, the women in their pink party dresses linked arm in arm with ☐ Then as the big tune swells

their uniformed escorts. out for the first time Sean Lavery takes Karin von Aroldingen in his arms and away they go, swirling round among the trees, soon to be joined by the others. All the breathless filtratiousness of a

Animals are the subject of the first art we know, in South-west Europe during the Upper

west Europe during the Upper Paleo'ithic period. Clearly the cave-paintings of animals were more than just the depiction of what provided primitive man with his livelihood: they also had a spiritual and ritual function which we can only guess at or deduce. What separated man from animals— pradually at first in applies.

gradually at first, in earliest times—was technology: in its primitive stage the ability to make tools. Weapons were

among the first and most im-portant of these tools, and some of the earliest represen-tations in art show man con-

fronting animals with his tools of death: the hunter and the

For primitive hunters, ant-

mals were not merely regarded

as meat or as a potential enemy. They were also seen as part of the spirit world, as they were for the American

Indians. Later man began to herd animals and till the land. Only some animals were amen-

able to this purpose. "Only animals with a suitable social

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and the goat, that can accom-modate man's domination, can

be readily domesticated.", as

Jessica Rawson writes in the

book Animals in Art, published

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The earliest evidence for the

domestication of sheep and goats around 8000 BC has been

found in sites on the western Iranian plateau. Still today you

can see great flocks of goats

and sheep being herded across

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Once mimals were domesti-

cated man began to attribute to them human characteristics.

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mais in Art book show details from an Egyptian papyrus of caricatures in which animals take the place of human beings—a lion and a hartebeest

playing a board game, a hyena and a cat herding neese. The irony of this is obvious, for the hartebeest is the prey of the

lion; he battle between hunt-

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lost era is there in the dance, and although the whole cast is good, it may be that you Aroldingen's European upbring-Arolangen's European appring-ing gives her an advantage over the others. This is quite the best thing I have seen her do, a beautifully modulated per-Frühlingsstimmen

Frithlingsstimmen comes next, led by one of New York's darlings, the irresistible Patricia McBride. She is a versatile dancer, responding equally well to Balanchine's half-joking balf-sentimental treatment of Gershwin in Who Cares? and to Jeromie Robbins's melodrements presentation of the drematic presentation of the sex war in insect terms. The Cage. In Vienna Waltzes her role is something she does superbly well, pure classical debring

come by as for a hit Broadway musical, and when an extra performance was announced instead of another work, a poorly booked Thanksgiving Day house promptly sold out.

The music goes some way to ensure success, especially played as lovingly as it is by the NYCB Orchestra under Robert Irving's direction. Three pieces for Johann Strauss the younger begin with the ballet, starting with Gschichten as dem Wienerwold. During the long introduction the curtain rises on Rouben Ter-Arutunnan's evocation of the Vienna was added to the property of the partner, the floet-foored Helgi Tomasson, and they are accompanied by the partner, the starting when a december of the partner, the floet-foored Helgi Tomasson, and they are accompanied by a small group of young women. There is a scartling change of rliving and mood for the next piece, Explosions-Polka. It lives up to its mame. Four couples, led with expherent style by Sara Leland and Bart Cook, burst on to the stage and burste about like fireworks. The men wear cockscomb wigs, cut-away

The women's short dresses, decorated with stripes and frills, provide a naughty sugges-

ifills, provide a naughty suggestion of underwear.

It is not only by breaking briefly from the prevailing triple metre that the polks provides a hinge for the ballet's two halves. Although the music is the earliest used in the work (written about 1848, an explosive enough year), the witty choreographic treatment looks forward to the more sophisticated menaer of the later walt-

For Lehar's Gold and Silver Waltz, Balanchine has taken a hint from the composer's own appropriation of it for The Merry Widow. Its opening bars merry widow. Its opening bars bring a transformation of scene: the trees become insubstantial, fly up and reveal a lavish Jugendstil ballroom. Amid its handsome couples there appears a lone man, Peter Martins, his arrogant Viking profile set off by a white-and-red uniform, then a solitary women.

set off by a white-and-red uniform, then a solitary women, Kay Mazzo, entirely in black, her face shaded by a wide-brimmed hat.

There are only hints of a relationship between them, but these are enough to colour the sequence and distinguish it from the rest of the bellet. After that, a further partial transformation makes the bell-room seem larger and grander. Into its half-light, in a white dress, come NYCB's other big star, Suzanne Farrell, for a long star, Suzanne rarrell, for a long solo reverie danced to the first part of Richard Strauss's first suite of waltzes from Der Rosenkavalier. Intermittently she is joined by Jean-Pierre Bonnefous, who appears and vanishes so tactfully in the coats and trousers padded to give an illusory tubbiness comic-ally at odds with their agility.

with light from huge chande-liers shaped to echo the trees of the first half. Farrell and Bonnefous are joined by the leading couples of the earlier leading couples of the earlier sequences and by another 20 waltzing couples, the women all in white, the men in evening dress. Wide skirts swirl hugely as the dance becomes more delivious, and the wall of mirrors at the back, which until now has provided a discreet counterpoint to the action, comes into its full glory to show a vast area filled with whirling figures.

whirling figures.

Vienna Waltzes serves to Vienna Waltzes serves to underline the strength of Balanchine's company today. Its cast of 70 still leaves more than 20 dancers in reserve, including such luminaries as Allegra Kent, a marvellous ballerina never seen in Britain, and the newly promoted principal Merrill Ashley, a young woman of almost superhuman virtuosity and disarmingly simple manner. There is a strong case to be

and disarmingly simple manner. There is a strong case to be made, on grounds of repertory and performing standards, for describing New York City Ballet as the best ballet commany in the world inday. As Clive Barnes (not always in the pest their greatest admirer) wrote the other day, if they are not, who is? It is a crying shame that they have not visited London for more than 12 years, and although there are hopes of recsithough there are hopes of recuifying that, the date pencilled in the company's schedules is not until September, 1979.

They will be in Copsubagen, at the Tivoli Theatre, next summer, but with Skytrain and standby fares you may find it cheaper to fly to New York to see them. However, if you want surrounding shadows as to seem to see Vienna Waltzes, do book an embodiment of her thoughts.

Suddenly the ballroom blazes popularity quickly.

Hunting of the ark: men, beasts and gods porate man's desires and moral beliefs. The exhibition, which is beautifully presented, con-tinues until February 25.

I have always found the un-critical acceptance of Francis Bacon's reputation difficult to understand. Bacon began as a designer of Bauhaus influenced furniture and textiles in the early fhirties. His work as a painter looks like a violent reaction against the utopian idealization, the belief in a world perfectable by technology, which the design movements of the Twendes and Thirties represented. The reac-Thirties represented. The reaction is understandable and necessary, but its violence appears essentially immature and adolescent. At best Bacon's paintings are melodrama, at worst Grand Guignol.

His exhibition at the Gulerie Claude Bernard earlier this year contained a number of paintings of figures sitting at stool or being sick into washbasins. The Marlborough Gallery's small display of four paintings (one is a triptych) includes only one of these, Man Standbrg at a Washbasin. Others contain familiar earlier imagery, like figures seated under umbrellas or on plinths in what look like caricatures of a modern designed environ-ment. Although the effect of these is generally more restrained than that of the Paris show (if any Bacon can ever be described as restrained) the dominant theme remains that of self-parody. Prank Auerbach is an artist

who has been constantly un-derrated. In fact he is one of the best painters in England. He is having a retrospective at the Nayward next year and the Marlborough are now showing recent paintings. The three of Primrose Hill at the front of the gallery are impressive, particularly Winter Evening with its glowing dark reds and white bobs of lamps. Two views of The Cumden Theatre show how Auerbach uses a heightened version of Sickert's tonality to fine effect. The portrait heads sometimes come too close to the violent slithering of paint one associates with Bacon, but the tactile quality of the pigment (Bacon is never tactile) usually prevents this. The two shows continue until January 22.

Paul Overv

A special rapport

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Visitors to Salzburg Festival have told of the special rapport between Karl Böhm and the London Symphony Orchestra, one that led this year to prescribed fortissimo; a wide range of speeds was used within movements, the transition-sometimes gradual, sometimes precipitous. In the long run Bühm's appointment as president of the LSO. In that capacity on Sunday he conducted his British orchestra for the first time on South Bank. In this country Böhm has LSO's superb response to his direction, not least in the deli-

In this country Bohm nay been publicly associated with a quite restricted repertory (Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Brahms, Wagner, Strauss, Berg): perhaps the new appointment may give him opportunities to conduct a wider conspectus of music. There was conspectus of music. There was idea. a presage in this programme, which included Tchaikovsky's fourth symphony, no rarity but not a work one might expect Böhm to select for a London concert. He has strong ideas about the piece, which he and the LSO are to record for the gramophone this week.

Böhm took a pungent, drama-tic view of the Tchaikovsky, giv-

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Stanley Sadie Inferior composers had an easier time of it in the eighteenth century than in the nineteenth. Anyone with a decent training and a modest gift could turn out a passable Mass, sonata or symphony; the scale was limited, the technique clearcut, the options relatively few, and no one asked for originality. But once past 1800, when the artist became hero and the rules existed only to be broken, it took something nearer to genius to produce even a work that does not

Thomas Tellefsen's piano concerto of 1850 contains a good deal of warm-hearted melody, but too often sounds like Chopin on an off day. Certainly it is more imaginatively scored than Chopin's concertos, but Tellefsen found susmining an entire movement more difficult, apparently, even than Chopin, and there are pages with plenty of notes but not much music. Einar Steen-Nokleberg played it too discreetly, even rather stolidly: he made linle of its textures. Berwald's violin concerto (1821) is not one of his best pieces; it begins superbly, as if something on a truly Brahmsian scale is coming, but here, too, the invention flags, and we end with an excess of accompanied violin passagework (some of it was none too smoothly done by Arve Tellefsen). even a work that does not embarrass.

In Sunday's programme of concertos "by the forgotten masters" only the eighteenth-century item, by J. J. Quantz, turned out to be thoroughly "well made": but dull, too—it could have been any of the other 299 by Quantz, or of the other thousands by his contemporaries. And the soloist, Rasmus Ringdal, if tasteful and sufficiently agile, did nothing to concerting for flute and above, probably from the 1830s or 40s, probably from the 1830s or 40s, was made nlus home by the presence of Leon Goossens, who at 80 still has his old subtlety of timing. The piece itself is an innocuously pretry set of variations. The Karlsruhe students, augmented from the RCM, accompanied quite efficiently; Roy Wales's conducting did not seem to provide any specially valuable guidance. sufficiently agile, did nothing to make it more interesting. The Romantic works aimed higher and had farther to fall.

Joan Chissell Asked why he wanted to climb Asked why he wanted to climb Everest, a distinguished mountaineer replied: "Because it is there." For violinists, Bach's unaccompanied sonatas and partitas might be said to constitute a comparable challenge. Although there are many essier ways of drawing an audience to rays of drawing an audience to Wigmore Hall, the Indian violinist, Homi Kanga, began his ascene on the six on Sunday afternoon with the G minor and C major sonatas and the B minor partits. He returns on

Homi Kanga

Wigmore Hall

Thursday to complete the cycle-A first requisite in music for solo violin is agreeable tone. In comfortable contexts that was something Mr Kanga could pro-vide: tone of warmth and body in the lower reaches and sweetly lyrical higher up. Unhurried, predominantly single-track movements, like the opening Adagio of the G minor sonata, brought the best chances of enjoying it.

More elaborate contrapuntal

What's up at Theatre Upstairs

textures, such as the fugues of both the G minor and the C major sonates, occasionally strained his technique and reduced bloom. There were passing lapses of intonation in those movements too, and in one or two others because they were taken unnecessarily fust, such as the concluding Allegro of the C major sonata. But for the most part notes flowed fluently and string-crossing was reasonably clean. Except for those one or two

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sen).
A honne-houche, Kalliwoda's

questionable speed ing, Mr Kanga's interpreta-tions were those of a sensible. unidiosyncratic musician. But while his straightforwardness was preferable to the over-elastic kind of espressive some-times heard, he could have done rather more reading be-tween the lines. Sometimes it was his phrasing that lacked the truly revealing personal touch. Certainly the mysteriously brooding opening Adagio of the C major sociate was short in romance.

In the dance movements of the B minor partita, characteri-zation could have been shar-pened by more positive definition of rhythm, most notably in the launching of the Bourree.

At the Theatre Upstairs from December 31 David Suchet will appear in his one-man show The Kreutzer Sonata, by Leo Tolstoy adapted and directed by Peter Farago. Highly acclaimed when it was first performed in

March this year at the Birmingham Repertory Studio Theatro, the show has since been seen in the United States and Israel. Tolstoy's short story, written in 1889, bears the subtitle "How u Man Killed His Wife", and was immediately banned because of the outspoken views on a male-dominated society and its treatment of women.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Music Realises £94,440

This was the total for Sorbeby's sale of printed and manuscript music on 23rd November.

All Street Control of the service of the Constitution of the second The Ministry Boy

Among the items offered was this autograph manuscript of the famous song, "The Minstrel Boy", c. 1813, by the poet, musician and composer, Thomas Moore, which was sold for £1,500. The sale also included an album leaf signed by J. S. Bach which made £0,500, and a signed autograph manuscript by Robert Schumann which sold for £30,000.

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The Hindu God Ganesa, bronze, South India

"accommodate" the domination of man is shown as that Often creatures were visualized of animals of prey over the as half-man, half-animal, like animals man herds and fattens salves or centages, or the for meat. Thus it is not only in Western Europe that man has tended to anthropomorphize animals and attribute to them human behaviour, which cau seen in the delightful originals of Beatrix Potter's illustrations. Even after man begon to

herd animals and grow crops, the hunt continued as a ritua lized contest between man and nimals and as such was one of the most popular subjects of courtly art until the time of the Rensissance and beyond. Some of the livehest and most vital animal art was made by the nomadic Scythian tribes, and more recently by the Eskimos. The sections in the British Museum exhibition, Animals in Thought and Religion, Signs and Emblems and Stories and Fables show bow lized as a game, and the hier- men in widely different cut- mai forms lose their vitality archy in which certain species tures have used animals as and their capacity to incor-

Hindu god Ganésa, half-ele-phant, balf-man, the remover of obstacles who helps his worshippers attain their desires.

Studied and Described, which traces the naturalistic visual descriptions of animals, is, not surprisingly, largely focused on Western European art although it also includes examples from China and Japan. Often European attempts to depict exotic animals were based on verbal descriptions, not on direct knowledge of the animals, like Dürer's famous woodcut of a rhinoceros, although Rembrandt's beautiful chalk drawing of an elephant was clearly done from life, probably from a travelling circus, But generally, as representations sentation becomes more accurate and realistic, the ani-

The final section, Animals

A 10-year energy conservation programme which could save the equivalent of about 10 million tons equivalent of about 10 million tons of oil a year from 1988 onwards was announced by Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of Sate for Energy. During the first jour years the programme will inholve the expenditure of about 1320 at 1977 prices. At the end of the 10 years the energy savings rould be worth about 1700m a year at present prices. at present prices.

hir Benn said: Existing policies have contributed to energy savings approximately estimated to be worth some £2,000m over the last four years. As was recognized at the London summit meeting in May, energy conservation must rlay a major role in our foure energy policies. I therefore set in hand a review of action to bring clour a significant reduction in the future growth of energy demand, following recommendations made by my Adrisory Council on Energy Conservation. Today I am announcing a substantial package of decision.

First: The Property Services First: The Property Services Agency will extend its existing programme in the civil and defence estates, at a cost of £5m a year. This will make possible continued progress towards the eventual tarcet of saving 35 per cent of the fuel used at the start of the programme in 1972. This represents around £30m a year at today's prices.

Second: As part of a lung-term regramme for installing thermal sulation and heating controls in ational Bealth Service buildings, i is planned to invest an additional Esm in 1978-79 and £10m in each of ism in 1978-79 and film in each of the succeeding three years.

Third: As part of a similar proimme in educational buildings it is planned to make available an a citional film in 1978-79 and film in each of the succeeding three years.

Fourth: The Government will discuss with local authorities the

discuss with local authorities the very substantial opportunities for energy savings in their non-domes-tic buildings, other than schools. We propose to make additional rids of up to f7m a year, available for the necessary staff to cure efficient chergy manage.

The for the necessary sar; to care efficient chergy manages and and for the installation of sating controls. The precise sums to be spent will depend upon discussion with local authorities.

Fifth: The Government are limiting a 10-year programme to being public sector dwellings up to hasic minimum standard of theral insulation. This will involve training over two million dwellings will have major social benefits. Spending for this purpose will be made eligible for central government housing subsidies.

Provision is being made for appenditure over the next four the penditure over the next four this possible of the spending for improving the isolation of Ministry of Defence dackings.

The Department of the Environ-ment has for some time been con-ciling outside interests on propo-tive for building regulations to pre-cribe thermal insulation standards in new non-domestic buildings, and regulations resulting from this con-cultation are expected to be made The Government have now decided on further steps in this

Sixth: The iptroduction of buildinc regulations requiring the provision of appropriate controls on
leating systems is under consideration. The regulations would apply
to the installation of heating plant
in new non-domestic buildings and

MFA talks this

textile industry

The EEC Commission had com-

ploted its discussions on the textile quota levels with 24 low-cost sup-pilers. Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary

of State for Trade (Birkenbead Lab) said during questions.

tries were assessing the results, and the EEC Council of Ministers would decide on December 20 the position on the renewal of the multifibre agreement.

Air Douglas Hoyle (Nelson and Coine, Lah)—There is concern in the textile industry about the

transitional arrangements.

week with

to its replacement in existing nondomestic buildings. A consultative
document will be issued as soon as
possible.
Seventh: To promote efficient
energy management in ton-domestic buildings, a new Government
advisory and training service will
be set up. £500.000 a year has been
made available for this purpose.
Eighth: In addition the GovernMr Benn has stoken of possibly

energy management in con-domes-tic buildings, a new Government advisory and training service will be set up. £500.000 a year has been made available for this purpose. Eighth: In addition the Govern-ment have allocated £4m in 1978-79 ment have allocated 14m in 1978-79 and 15m in each of the next three years of expanding information and advisory services to industry.

Ninth: The Government have allocated an additional 12m in 1978-79, rising to 18m in 1981-82 for an expanded programme of themostration projects. demonstration projects.

Tenth: More efficient motor vehicles could make a significant contribution to containing the growth in demand for oil for trans-

growth in demand for oil for transport. The Government have opened discussions with the motor industry on possible targets for raising the average miles a gallon achieved by new cars and on methods of achieving those targets. Eleventh: The Government has allocated an additional 5500,000 a year over the next four years to an information and publicity campaign aimed at persuading motorists to see that their cars are well maintained and to drive in more economical ways.

This reinforcement of our poli-

This reinforcement of our poli-cies will require additional staff on energy conservation. In the Department of Energy I am establishing a separate division, responsible solely for energy conservation. Conservation will now rank with the energy producing industries as an essential element in our energy policies.

The measures I have described will involve additional public expenditure on energy conservation in the United Kingdom estiion in the United Kingdom estimated at some f65m (gross) in 1978-79, rising to over £80m a year (gross) in the following three years. This will be spread over a number of programmes and will be financed as far as possible from savings elsewhere in those programmes, including in later years savings on entry consumption savings on energy consumption resulting from the investment

resulting from the investment made in earlier years.

These programmes will take up to 10 years to complete and will lavolve expenditure, in the first four years alone, of some £320m at 1977 survey prices. They offer satisfactory returns on the expenditure involved, even at today's energy prices, and they could lead to savings of up to 10 million tous of oil equivalent a year at the end of the 10-year period worth some £700m a year at current prices.

prices.

They will also provide jobs in the construction industry. But energy conservation is not a matter for the Government alone. To achieve the potential savings in full will depend in large part on how far the private sector matches the steps we have embarked on in the public sector. Higher energy prices make conservation good sense for everyons.

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Our programme is a continuing one. We shall be bringing forward further measures in other areas, as and when necessary. We shall need to decide how far any further reinforcement of our policies should be achieved by mandatory measures, by fiscal action, or in other ways.

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However, the measures I have amounced today represent an important singe in the development of our energy conservation programme. Despite Britain's ample portant singe in the development of our energy conservation programme. Despite Britain's ample repeated in the Lords, Lord Wigg carry reserves conservation is (Lab) said the Britain would just as important here as in other

January decision on pay of clergy

pay at about the end of January. Mr Terence Walker, the Second Church Estates Commissioner (Kingswood, Lab), said.

He said that the Commissioners central stipends authority had not yet made their final recommendation as to the stipendiary range and scale that should apply for beneficed clergy or assistant curates from April 1 which was the next incremental date. We have always maintained that thermal insulation is employment intensive. Can be give any assessment of the employment content of this?

Mr Benn has spoken of possibly including provision in building regulations. Could this be extended

Our progress speaks for itself.
Building regulations are for the
Secretary of State for the Environment. I have today annunced
measures which are spread over
the whole of Government and
details would have to come from

Environment.

I hope we shall make progress in getting greater use of coal for sensible purposes—central heating and other uses in domestic build-

Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, L)—The point about building regulations would only affect new buildings. What about incentives for insulation of existing private dualities.

to domestic buildings?

Mr Michael Latham (Melton, C)— We are talking about some of the worst paid people in the country. Any possible recommendation the Commissioners might reach would leave many clergymen below the poverty line.

Mr Benn-It is the Opposition's privilege to press for things. We have had to prepare the proposals and I do not accept that we are beined other contaries. The Carter energy package is not through Congress; the Germans have published proposals which are not through, and our record is not bad compared with that of other countries. Mr Walker—The Church Commissioners have publicly expressed the view that clergy stipends are most inadequate. The maximum levels known to be obtainable for next year will be recommended when we finally come to this, provided they can be justified and providing the Government's guidelines are adhered to.

Mr Ivor Clemitson (Luton, East, Lab)—As a recipient of these appallingly low wages for 10 years, even if the Church Commissioners wished to keep within the guidelines much could be done in terms of fringe benefits and meeting prover expenses. per expenses.

others.

I have long believed that this insulation work, being labour-intensive, is welcome in its own right. It is difficult to put specific figures on the number of jobs but they will be substantial. Mr Walker-There have been great efforts over the years to make sure that dioceses pay for the expenses and happily the information that comes back to us is that most dioceses are now doing just that. Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirling-shire, Lab)—As the clergy have a good case for breaking the 10 per cent limit, is it not clear that the fremen and the TUC now have God on their side?

Mr Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C)—50 that we make the best use of our substantial coal resources, the biggest of our fossil fuels, what action is the Secretary of State taking to ensure that local authorities make fireplaces and other accommodation to take the strain off other domestic fuels? Mr Walker—We hope to make a decision about clergy pay about the and of January. We will take into account the Government's guidelines on this matter. Mr Benn—This has been brought to my attention. It is primarily for the Secretary of State for the

Protest at lack of debate on large estimates

On the Prime Minister's formal procedural motion that the House should decide forthwith that sums Mr Benn—That is a fair point. We have responded as a Government to obvious economic advantages of conservation and those arguments which lead us to spend aloney as I have described apply with equal force to private dwellings. If we get a return of the magnitude I have forecast it makes sense for others to invest similarly. Mr Ron Thomas (Bristol, North-West, Lab) said that he and many of his colleagues wished to express their disapproval of the fact that the Government wanted another £427m for defence this year.

omers to invest similarly.

Mr Thomas Swain (North-East Derbyshire, Lab)—There is quickly becoming a consumer resistance to the use of electricity in new private and council dwellings for central and other heating.

Will Mr Benn look at relaxing smoke control in some areas because in my area we produce a lot of coal and electricity costs more? Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said what Parliament was being asked to do without debate was to approve expenditure of £17,945m for 1978-79 and for the current year £427m, a total of £18,000m. He would you against the motion.

Mr Benn—I would rather contemplate further research on amoke-less fuels than an easement of clean air legislation which is giving us 70 per cent more sunshine in urban areas than before clean air

Status of small firms in

Mr Timothy Smith (Ashfield, C)— As Mr Dell has said the Companies Bill will, in effect, be limited to implementation of the second EEC

Central, C)—The difficulties of small companies arise not so much from their status in company law but from the successive and oppressive legislation, such as taxation and employment protection, which has been piled on them in recent years. If this aspect could be put right, it would probably be unnecessary to rinker around with them and create second-class citizens in company law.

Mr Dell—I note what Mr Grant

Mr Varley defends £28m subsidy on ships deal: 'We have to go and fight for orders'

Shipbuilding throughout the world faced a disastrous picture, Mr John Noit, chief Opposition spokesman on trade (St Ives, C) said when he opened a debate on the Polish ships deal and moved that the salary of the Secretary of State for Industry (Mr Eric Varley) should be reduced by a half.

He said there was a total lack of discipline within the OECD to prevent more and more protectionist. If they were going to fill the discipline within the OECD to prevent more and more protectionist measures. That lack of discipline was exemplified by the cynical avoidance of the rules in the case of the Euro-bond issue which accompanied the Polish deal.

Japan now had the capacity to produce all the world's shipping requirements by itself, having multiplied its capacity 10 times in 10 years and having accompanied this as usual by a fairly protectionist policy for its own shipping industry. conference before its time.

If they were going to fill the yards with uneconomic orders at least they should see that vessels were equipped with British parts and engines. Ten of the marine

produce all the world's shipping marine engineering industry was produced in the world's shipping marine engineering industry was building up.

The Opposition recognized the severe social problems which as usual by a fairly protectionist would arise on the Clyde and the Tyne if more redundancies arose at present. This order bought only a very little time. It did so by supporting in particular two yards are productions to restrain the lamporting in particular two yards are productions.

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tent of the intervention fund, the smount of money that was going from the fund, had been talked about for weeks. Even the fixed charter terms between the joint company and the Polish shipping company were said for the bulk carriers to be around £133,000 a quarter.

The Government had said they had already cleared the deal with the REC Commission so all the civil servants in the REC knew the facts, the bankers knew the facts

of Commons be told?

They were talking of a texpayers' subsidy for this deal of roughly £38m to £28m from the intervention fund and £10m on the

They had to separate the social problems from the economic ones. They had got to retain a simmed-down but viable shipballding capacity not least for defence reasons. But it was bound to be smaller and slimmer than it was plating extension of credit to the Soviet Union.

We have here (he said) hypocrisy on a grand scale. The Government are lecturing particularly the Japanese and now the French on the extension of credit in international dealings, yet this same Government in this deal are extending the frontiers of shipbuilding credit and protection beyond that of any method which has so far been used by any country. Instead of British Shipbuilders or the Department of Industry making a comprehensive statement about the deal, details had been dribbled out piecemeal and so for weeks the Government had had a rotten press, brought derision on themselves and the country and had been endirectly responsible for advertising all over the world the problems of Swan Hunter.

The truth was that there were thousands of bankers throughout the world who had the Hambros document which was £36m worth of the deal. In the City the extent of the intervention fund, the amount of money there was going from the fund, had been talked

The shipbuilding industry was contributing almost as much to the balance of payments as North Sea oil and had weathered the storm in freight pretty well. They were placing 93 per cent of their requirements for new ships in British varies.

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The shipping industry (he said)
is threatened by the very group of nations to which this Government bring comfort with a subsidy of about £38m and a credit of over 100 per cent, underwriting com-mercial risks of £36m.

Now we are soling into the bustmercial risks of £36m.

Now we are going into the business of assisting Communist nations. All of these subsidies have to be paid for by successful companies and by the shipping industry and marine engineering.

If they were giving subsidies of that kind, it was no good lecturing the lanauese.

Sir Barold Wilson (Huyton, Lab)—He says that British com-panies are placing 93 per cent of orders with British yards. Two years ago there seemed little possi-bility of them placing 50 or 60 per cent. cent.

Does he not give the Government credit for the pressure and inducements to get those jobs into British

yards?

Mr Noti-Yes. I am delighted that the British shipping industry is building in British yards. British companies would have built in British yards if offered the same penalty clauses as were offered to the Poles.

If it was necessary to spend this sum to keep Govan and Swan Huntar employed, it would have been better to spend the money on the Royal Navy. The Royal Navy is at least on our side. (Cheers.)

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State

intervention fund and filom on the value of exchange differentials. The effect of this subsidy was roughly 100 per cent credit. It would be said that the Eurobond issue—and this was the most peroiclous part of the deal—was purely private financing raised in the market by British Shipbuilders. Having done that, they were just acting to lead money to the British Polish company, and therefore it did not conflict with OECG.

This argument was wholly for 1978-79 and for the current year f427m, a total of £18,000m. He would won against the motion.

The motion was carried by 243 votes to 82—Government majority.

The House approved defence estimates under the Vote on Account of £2,834,077,000 for 1978-79; civil estimates (Vote on Account) of £15,111,547,000; defence supplementary estimates of £427,464,000; and civil supplementary estimates of £427,464,000; and civil supplementary estimates of £427,464,000; and civil supplementary estimates of £15,50,837,000.

The Consolidated Fund (No 2) Bill was then brought in and read a first time. bond issue had been placed all around the world wholly on threedin of British Shiphaliders which was a creature of the Government and known to be such, it was British Government credit that had enabled the British Shiphaliders to raise this money.

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This ships deal was really too clever. It was the kind of avoddance, if not evasion, of international rules and obligations that would bring a messive heap of criticism upon private citizens if they indulged in this kind of way to affect this country's obligations towards OECD.

The Government, through British Shipbunilders, were going into an alliance with people opposed to Nato. They were financing by the use of our credit—and the House of Commons' reputation was at stake—a Comecon nation which was putting British seamen out of wurk by undercutting freight rates. The ships would not her British seamen; they would not her British shipping freight rates assisted Britain's allies to compete against the British motor industry. (Conservative laughter.) This Polish financing was assisting the Poles who were undercutting British shipping freight rates all over the world.

He had consulted many international shipping companies but had not found a single case where any envernment not to a less deve-

The arrangements entered into did not breach those conditions. That ought to bring tribute to British Shipbuilders, not the slanderous remarks of the Opposition. We have to go and light for orders (he said) and we are going to do that because we want to secure our industry. That is what we are determined to do.

We have the third largest shipping fleet in the world and one of the largest navies. We cannot allow our shipbuilding industry to be destroyed and we are not going to allow that to happen. We must not become permanently captives of foreign suppliers.

Another reason was that the in-Another reason was that the in-dustry was 90 per cent centred in areas of historic high unemploy-

Their major success had been to win orders from British owners. Only 10 per cent of orders for British registered shipping had been placed with British yards last

year but in the first nine months of this year it was almost three-quarters. That had not occurred by accident. It was the result of a major campaign in which they had won the cooperation of the General were equipped with British parts and engines. Ten of the marine engines were going to Poland. A catalogue of protest from the marine engineering industry was sistance of the intervention from for British registered to the policy of the protest from the marine engineering industry was sistance of the intervention from for British registered

for engine makers in the North-east and Greenock. The hardpressed steel industry would be providing about 50,000 tons of steel.

It was not uncommon for ship-

It was not uncommon for shipowners, however, to specify cerrain requirements should be built
in certain other countries, and that
happened when British owners
placed orders overseas but specified certain equipment should be
made in Britain.

In 1975 Britain was fifth in the
league table of output but this year
five had shot up to second place.

That is the measure of the success of our policy (he said). In
getting these orders we have committed £50m of the £165m in the
intervention fund. Even with this
major success our yards are still

major success our yards are still hit hard by the crisis that affects the world shipbuilding industry. This year's orders amount to less than two-thirds of the present level

Inis year's orders amount to less than two-thirds of the present level of output.

What we have done by this order is to ward off a disaster. But we have not yet found the care. We will have to go on discussing the situation with British Shipbuilders in the framework of their corporate plan.

Far too many Conservative MPs are not interested in families, or communities or lob security. All they care about is looking for mud to throw and hoping that some of it will stick. That is what is the motivation of their attack on this Polish deal. (Labour cheers.)

Assistance to the industry was tailored to be flexible to meet the circumstances of each successive order to enable the builder to quote a competitive price, which was a matter of commercial negotiation between the builder and the customer.

The more that was known about the assistance the more the customer.

the assistance the more the cus-tomer would be strengthened in his negoriation and the publication of grams was liable to increase the cost to the public of supporting the industry, and to reduce the unount of orders that could be secured. cost to the public of supporting the industry, and to reduce the amount of orders that could be secured.

To publish all the other financial arrangements (he sald) would be likely to make still harder the job of selling ships to customers in what is a buyer's market.

The Prime Minister had said last Thursday that all the appropriate figures would be given. To do so more generally would be likely to damage the interests of the interests of the industry and the taxpayers. The nationalized industries were responsible for their own commercial actions and sponsoring ministers had always been unwilling to announce to the House commercial actions and arrangements which the corporations made in the

s announce to the House commercial decisions and arrangements which the corporations made in the ordinary way of business.

The skips to be snopfied to the poles would be sold by British Shipbuilders to a communy to be established in Poland which would be jointly owned by British Shipbuilders and the Polath Steamship Company, PZM. It was made clear by the Prime Minister's joint communique last December that the necessary Ruancial arrangements for the establishment and running of the joint enterprise would be made by the British side of the partnership. That was done more than a year ago.

The joint venture company would have boat charper the ships to the Polish Steamship Company for periods of 13 to 15 years.

To secure the business the Government had agreed to give a substity from the intervention fund of not more than 22sm.

There had been allegations that much larger amounts of public funds about a more to arthridge.

There had been allegations that much larger amounts of public funds would be spent to subsidize this order. This was simply not true. There was a guarantee of export credit by ECGD but this was a normal part of any export transaction. The amount of the guarantee met the normal OECD and EEC requirement. It was not more than 70 per cent of the export price.

British Shapbaliders would provide fixance to the joint venture \$65m had been raised from a concommercial market, and a loan of company but not through public funds but funds borrowed on the sortium of bankers without Government guarantee.

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The £25m subsidy came out of the £65m budger amounced for the intervention fend in February and after allowing for that commitment there still remained £10m uncommitted from the fund.

The fund had been used frugally and with prudence to secure orders for 48 sings. The balance would be similarly used. Other orders were in prospect. One British shipowher had been offered the same percentage subsidy as for the Polish deal, rejected it, and placed an order abroad instead.

The EEC Commission was fully satisfied that the arrangements for the deal met their rules. The accounting officer of his department was also satisfied, It should be borne in mind that in due

ment was also satisfied. It should be borne in mind that in due course the Public Accounts Committee through the Comptroller and Auditor General would have full access to all relevant papers.

The attacks on the deal by the Opposition were typical of their double standards. They had staged

every time the Government acted to save jobs of British workers, and in this case to preserve the collapse of a vital and strategic industry for Bostom, they attacked the Government for it. (Labour chore) The Opposition motion was to

reduce the Secretary of State's sal-ary but the real target was the livelihood of every shinbuilding worker in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, (Labour cheers.) For that reason the House would throw out the motion.

Mr David Hont (Warral, C) said there must be a medium-term policy which would seek to pre-serve the expernse in British yards serve the expertise in British yards without cauting a collapse in ship-building and without causing serious competition for British rhipowners.

Mr Frederick Willer Sanderland, North, Labl and the Opmostical were obviously trying to wreck this agreement. The simphulding in-dustry welcomed the contract. They believed there had been a justifiable expenditure of money to have the extensive of money to time for the industry.

Sur Michael Grylls (North-West Surrey, C) and the British Government had been taken to the Polish cleaners. It was a supreme folly to subsidize the merchant fleet of the Communist world to compete against their own,

Mrs Margaret Baln (East Dunbar-tonshire, Scot Nat) said, in purely human and social terms, it was entirely desirable that they accept this contract although the financial returns might be less speciacular than the employment ones. Mr William Small (Glascow, Gars-

or whitem small (oldsgow, Gars-cadden, Lah) said the Government had his 100 per cent support on this and he spoke generally for those on the Clyde whose future would depend on orders such as

this, Air Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said they were spending a mixture of loans and grants totalling some \$150m on giving the Poles this order to tompete against Britain. Was this the best way of deploying \$150m of the poles against Britain.

motey had been used simply to pay the wages of the \$,000 men on the condition that they did not no near the shipyards. If they had taken the ships out to see after they were completed and solemnly sunk each one in the deepest part of the Atlantic it would have done less harm. less harm.

But best of all if they wanted to secure orders in the slump times and take advantage of the boom

times it was vital to spend their scarce resources on making a mod-ern up-to-date shipbuilding capac-

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Mr Norman Lamont, for the Opposidon (kingston upon Thames, C)
said as long as the Government
refused to answer reasonable
requests for information about
deals of this kind they must expect
the Opposition to believe that all
the talk about commercial confidentiality was a shibboleth to hide
incompetence and bungling.

It was costing the inxpayer
138m, even before the penalties for
late delivery, which everybody
knew were sure to be invoked
(Labour Cries of "Rubbish".)

The Government seemed determined to damage the interests of
the shipping industry and to shore
up an industry which could not
survive in its present shape and
six.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of

siE. Mr Gerald Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry (Manchester, Ardwick, Lab) said the Tories used to bethe party of the Union Jack. Now they seemed to prefer the label "Made in Japan". (Labour

The only change in the terms since the Prime Minister's announcement had been that the Govern-ment had won more engines for Kincade's at Greenock.

MPs (he said) in the cosy seats of St Ives (Mr Nott), Cirencester (Mr Ridley) and North-West Surrey (Mr Grylls) have whipped up this storm in a samovar.

while the Tories cared nothing for the jobs of British shipbuilding workers they were suddenly deeply concerned about the jobs of British merchant seamen. It had been said that the deal threatened the jobs of thousands of British seamen who would be forced out of business if the ships were built. The Opposition motion was rejected by 295 votes to 246—Government majority, 49.

It was interesting that since the Polish deal was announced the Government had not received a single protest from the National Union of Seamen.

Perhaps the trade milon leaders knew something that Tory MPs did

Perhaps the trade union leaders knew something that Tory MPs did not—that the total number of crew of all 24 ships for Poland would be a little more than 500 men. Some of the ships were to replace old ships now in service that would go out of service and there would go out of service and there would be no expansion of the Polish fleet. The small ships were likely tobe used in Polish coastal trade and the large ships had been designed for Ealtic ports.

Why were the Tories so amious to wreck this deal?

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The clue had been given by Mr
Nott who said. "Now we are
goong int office business of assisting."
Communist countries." That was Yet the Leader of the Opposi-tion, Mrs Thatcher, spent much of her time visiting these Communist countries. This year she had been to China and Yugoslavia and not long ago was in Communist Rommin. The Anglo-Romanian BAC 1-11

deal would bring work to a factory just down the road from the con-attuency of Mr Michael Grylls." (Labour laughter.)

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2.50: Purther progress in committee on European Assembly Elections Bill. House of Lords Today of 2.50: Local Government Scotland, Bill, report, Medical Bill, committee, Debate on prisons.

Commission ready with plan to meet future energy crisis

he had consulted many inter-national shipping companies but had not found a single case where any government not to a less deve-loped country but to a Comecon country had offered a 100 per cent credit plus a subsidy of this kind. It was the Prime Minister's foolish statement at the Labour Party conference that had under-mined the position of British negotiators.

once the Prime Minister had vir- Wear, Tees, and Northern Ireland.

The creation of a full Common Market energy policy with intra-Community trade in energy resources was urged by Mr John Osborn (Sheffield, Hallam, C) United States.

The scene in Europe (he said) is dominated by what happens in the dominated by what happens in the community would face a serious renergy gap by the middle of the community would face a serious renergy gap by the middle of the community would face a serious renergy gap by the middle of the community would face a serious renergy gap by the middle of the community would increase the community's would entergy gap by the middle of the community would face a serious renergy gap by the middle of the community would increase the community's value states and is dependent on the realism and success of President Carter's programme.

There is too little awareness (he community to external political events, so the gap could be filled in the community would increase the community is valuerability to external political events, so the gap could be functionally by using coat produced in the community of many coat produced in the community could be to another many imports and reducing the proportion of imported oil continued the community had no control that Community would face a sector the Community would face a sector the Community would increase the community to energy gap by the middle of the would increase the Community to external political events, so the gap could be fulled in the Community of the Community

The report european of restricting apported sources of energy to not more than 50 per cent by 1955, diversifying the sources and nature of energy imports and reducing the proportion of imported oil consumed in the Community.

He said that Community energy objectives would affect profoundly objec dering what further measures objectives would affect profoundly continuing high level of depending the taken.

They were increasing support for international agencies to bring relief to refugees in Thailand

House adjourned, 8.21 pm.

They were increasing support for the economic and social future of absorbing some 30 per cent of the rotal world oil production and by 1985 it was possible that half of its capacity by 1985. Without an ade-

The energy aims for 1985 expressed the political resolve of member states in try and unity energy policies. Those aims must have a realistic basis.

There had been some curback in oil imports to the Community with a reduction of 2 per cent, compared with 1973 because of the economic recession.

The Community had too many-oil-fired power sintions. It would be proposed to the Council of Ministers that coal output should-be stimulated so that more coal-fired stations could be used.

Objections to nuclear power had to be overcome, Europe did not want to become even more denonwant to become even more depen-

hir Dell-We are giving consideraarrangements. No Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab)— Will the transitional arrangements curb the hormful effects of imports from Hungkong, Taiwan and South Norea? If he was asked to give a Christmas message to the British textile workers about trading prospects for the years ahead, what would it be?

Mr Dell—The object of the renego-nations has been that the Christmas message should be for an improvement. On the other Christmas message should be for an improvement. On the other hand, I do not want at this stage to give any assessment of the results of the bilateral negotiations so far completed. The figures are under close study. There will be consul-tation this week with the British textile industry.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C)—Does this new position mean that the bad and deleterious practice of giving 6 percent increases in the quotas every year to overseas imports, irrespective of the state of trade, has, in the EEC negotiations, disapparted? Mr Deti-Within these negotiations

certain categories of product were established with different degrees of penetration, sensitivity, and different rates of proposed growth.

European elections

When the committee stage of the European Assembly Elections Bill was resumed, Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UU), continuing a general debate on Clause 1 (Election of representatives to the European Assembly), said if they were electing representatives of the United Kingdom, as clearly they were from the composition of the new assembly, it was their business and no one else's how they decided to nominate, elect, or arrive at the representatives of the United Kingdom.

Instead of that they were being

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Instead of that they were being rold to do so under a prescription and in accordance with rules which would only be valid if the membership of the European Assembly were proportionate to the populations of the respective territories and constituencies from which the representatives were to come.

Mr Michael Stewart (Hammersmith, Fulham, Lab) said their job was to provide a workmanlike way

cil of ministers exercising ever areater executive power the case for an elected body to whom they were responsible became extreme-

clause so that they could elect so-called representatives of that people it appeared that not only were the Government potting into the hands of these elected repre-sentatives an extremely effective weapon over the expansion or change of the budget of the Community but also projecting them into an arena where the emergence for European parties was not only probable but already happening.

The clause was carried b v219 votes to 79—Government majority.
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democracy but that democracy would make no change to the shape of the government of the Community. Mr Kenneth Clarke (Rushcliffe, C)

Mr Dell (Birkenhead, Lab)-I did Mr Dell (Birkenhead, Lab)—I did not quite say what Mr Smith sug-gested. I said I could give no assurance that it would be possible to incorporate in the forthcoming Companies Bill the matters covered in the White Paper I issued recently. I hope if will be possible, but I cannot be certain and therefore I cannot give any assurance.

Mr Anthony Grant (Harrow, Central, C)—The difficulties of Mr Dell—I note what Mr Grant says, but there is an argument for considering small companies in company law. We are in the process of doing so. It may well be appropriate to issue a Green Paper un that subject

Mr Powell condemns

smith, Fulham, Lab) said their job was to provide a workmanlike way of electing members of the European Community. Britain was not coming out of the Community. They had to make it more responsive to the wishes and feelings of ordinary people. One way in which that could be done was a directly-elected European Assembly. Mr Alan Clark (Plymouth, Suthin, C) said the House was sailing along with this great cumbersome Bill but without any lice was these people would do if they ever got to the assembly.

these people would do if they ever got to the assembly. Air Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test, Lab) said that Labour MPs were not opposing democracy. As had been suggested, but opposing one step towards a system of government which might or might not be democratic but would have to be supranational and operate on the European level. The issues being debated were The issues being debated were crucial to the whole concept of direct elections. They were entitled

were to haze a more powerful European Favisament that it in-jected an element of democracy into the Community in a area where it was missing.

For as long as there was a comwere responsible became each cony strong.
Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham,
South, Lab) said MPs had not been
allowed to write into the Bill the
responsibilities of the people who
were elected under it. They could
not move in this direction because
of the way in which the Bill was
written.

of the way in which the Bill was written.

Money and the budget were the centre of power and one of the powers which the newly elected assemblymen would have was over the budget of the Community. Power over the budget meant power of bargaining over a whole ronge of other matters, in marticular the de facto procedures adopted in relation to the executive.

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In enviring them to agree to this

company law

The forthcoming Companies Bill will contain proposals for substantial revision of the definitions of public and private companies and will require public companies to adopt a new designation, Mr Edmund Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said during questions. directive on the reform of com-pany law, another opportunity to reform the framework within which business is required to operate in this country—most of which is 30 years out of date—has been lost

we are attempting to use this time to engender public discussion about a number of issues including the position of small companies that would be important in any review of company law.

Britain to raise Cambodia atrocities at UN

The Government Intended to con-demn and expose Cambodian atrocities at the next meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in February, Lord Goronwy-Roberts, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth

Replying to a debate on the pright or Cambodian refugees in Thailand he also said that refugees from Victnam, Laos and Cambodia with previous United Kingdom connexions would be admitted to connexions would be admitted to Entain.

Lord Elton (C), for the Opposition, said that the hope of being resertled either in Thailand or in a third country had been deferred for so long for so many people that they were in dauger of sinking into a fotalistic aparby.

He said he went to Thailand recently and saw a refugee camp

recently and saw a refugee camp about four kilometres to the west of the Cambodian border. The camp had a population of 7,000 refugees although built only to

house 4,000. The sanitary arrangements had not been extended and the water supply which was supthe water supply which was supposed to make them work failed
almost from the start.

What I saw was a community
deprived of liberty and purpose
(he said), composed of people who
had lost not only their homes and
all their worldly possessions, but
also many of their closest friends
and relatives and were quartered in
conditions in which disease may
trlumph over medicine at any time.
That so many of them have

That so many of them have retained their dignity and morale speaks worlds of the work of the voluntary organizations and also of their own qualities of endurance. their own qualities of endurance.

Before condemning the That
Government the scale of the
refugee problem must be understool. They were under frequent

strout. They were under frequent military assault on at least one border.

If you think (he said) their policy is inhumane I challenge you to say what our own policy would be if we faced the same pressures on a proportionate scale. The

Thais could see only resettlement to third countries as the practicable elementary.

Lord Goromy-Roberts, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, said Government concern about the Cambodian arrecties and hoor made known to the Cambodian to the Cambodian arrecties and hoor made known to the Cambodian arrecties and the cambodian arrecties are the practicable and the product of the cambodian arrecties and the cambodian arrecties and the cambodian arrecties are the practicable and the product of the cambodian arrecties are the practicable and the product of the produ concern about me Cambodian arrectiles had been made known to British representatives abroad. Iney now proposed to take furner action in condemning and exposing these practices at the next meeting of the United Nations Commission.

of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights next February. He hoped some of Britain's friends and allies would support her.

As many as 88,000 of these unfortunate people might be in Thailand now, including 73,000 Lactians, 14,000 Cambodians and about 1,000 Vietnamese, but many others had already moved through Thailand for resettlement elsewhere. where.
The Thai Government had made

The That Government had made great efforts, at considerable cost to itself to supplement the fine work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugers.

The British Government this

of £750,000.
The Home Secretary had agreed

The Home Secretary had agreed to admit refugees from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia who had previous conhexions with the United Kingdom. He had also agreed that Indu-Chinese already here and who did not wish to return to their country of birth would not be required to do so.

In response to the international required to do so.

In response to the international appeal by the High Commissioner for Refugees on behalf of the small boat refugees from Vietnam, the Government had agreed to accept a quota of 116. That quota was now nearly filled and they were considering what further measures picket by taken

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Banking and finance in Latin America

Time to wake up: this Special Report looks at Britain's lost opportunities

"Progress towards more balanced and equitable economic relations between developed and developing countries is an essential element of an improved world economy."-OECD ministerial council, Paris, June, 1976.

Too big to ignore

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ide, Peru, Venezuela and ibombia—had a total debt s77,000m at the end of the turn of the century there is the additional stark memory of nationalization of orditive at the turn of the century there is the additional stark memory of nationalization of

Of these countries, Mexico and Brazil had a combined debt of about \$50,000m representing about a third of the lished with British skills in a number of with the Empire. This has restined in a wide lesser developing and lesser developing some sectors of British by Some sectors, of the reached the headlines was an enormous in private banking sector, have media, of what has really yet another "revolution or ment during an economic to whether the headlines was global recession and reperturbation."

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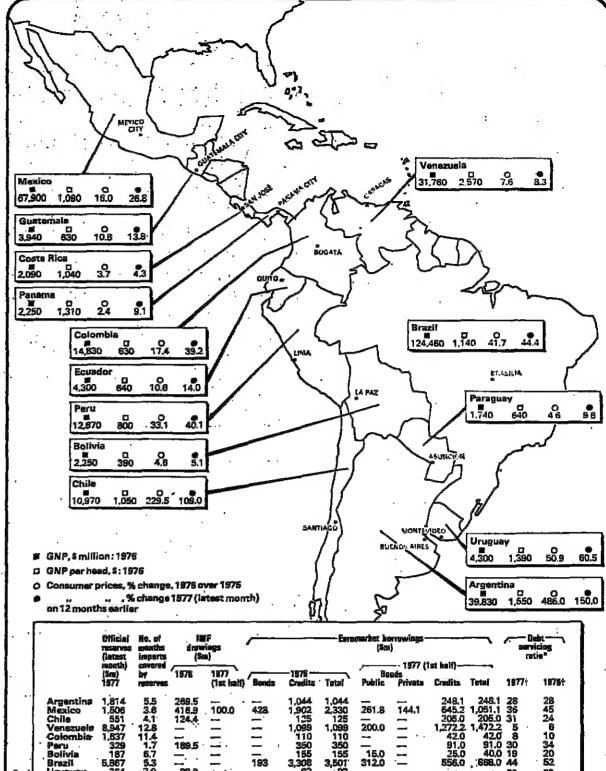
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by Andrew Tarnowski among its strongest critics. is still occupied by that of under emphasis on punitive probably will not be allowed Mr Andrew Monteath, the Mr Gerald Ford Mr Certer negative measures to prove the training. Whatever the effectiveness of President Carter's human merce in Argentiae, prefers hands out a policy statement tions which could not only recently made exceptions by rights campaign, and of not to comment. But the WMr Meith L Miceli, the too offending governments in desk which is reserved for Association of American the portrait of the American Chembers of Commerce in the portrait of the Carter to be seen, more intensive measures to prove the training more than the provent of the training more than the provent of the training more than the provent of the provent of the carter to be seen, more than the provent of the training more than the provent

Department alleged dirty dealings—as interference in its affairs. It, too, re-nounced military aid. Chile and Argentina are thus cut off from all military aid. The other four countries can still buy American arms

and receive military training.
All military sales and redis to Argentina were recently barred by Congress from October 1, 1978. The military Government thus has a year in which to lunprove its human rights record if it wants to start re-ceiving American hardware again. The annual United States allocation for training 30 to 40 bright young Argentine officers has also been cancelled. And Argentina

worsen trainer than improve copters for the Antarctic, the
the human rights situation." Argentine military will now
Latin Americans say their have to think hard about
relations with the United human rights if it wants to
States are like sharing a bed keep its ships and tanks runwith a sleeping elephant: ning in the future. The
watch out when it rolls over. United States has said, for
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rolled over 180°.

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among some Latin American political prisoners, whose

Bewilderment and anger the military Government's among some Latin American political prisoners, whose governments is not all President Carter's fault: some number is still unknown.

The other side of the cosn, towever, is that the American political prisoners, whose number is still unknown.

The other side of the cosn, towever, is that the American private arms industry could lose the chance of harsher than he imends. But except for restrictions on military aid they are largely ineffective.

Six Latin American countries are now without military aid from the United States, cut off because of violations of human rights or rejected in a huff. They are Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and the promptly announced that it wanted no more help in buying American bardware. Last year Uruguay was cut off. This year, the Carter Administration's proposal to halve and private American banks Congress to restore Uruguay's, caused both military governments to reject the last year investment the Congress to restore Uruguay's, caused both military governments to reject the last year investment the last of the military aid, and its decision not to ask Congress to restore Uruguay's, caused both military governments to reject the last year investment the last of the military aid, and its decision not to ask Congress to restore Uruguay's, caused both military governments to reject the last year investment the last year investment the last of the other side of the cosn, towever, is that the American connection to the other side of the cosn, towever, is that the American political prisoners, and the trickers can private and sams mucher is still unknown.

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and its decision not to ask Congress to restore Uruguay's, caused both military governments to reject the lot immediately.

Brazil and Guatemala then rejected military aid after a congressional decision to publish human rights reports on all countries receiving it. Finally, El Salvador cited congressional hearings on its elections—at which the State America are the World Department atleged dirty America are the World Rank and the Internalment and the second to the second the second to the second the second to the second the secon

Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB).

One loan requested Chile has been turned down for reasons connected with human rights in recent years, but the United States has had no success in barring loans to Argentina. Con fident in the programmes of Dr José Martinez de Hoz, the Economy Minister, the World Bank has opened its doors wide to the military Government since the coup in March, 1976, after keep-ing them shut for three years against the economic incompetence of the previous

It has granted Argentina continued on next page

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Half-hearted approach to difficulties

by a Special Correspondent

have been expected in the for the others. economic sector in Latin America in the aftermath of the oil crisis, particularly over the past year of economic recession, have largely area to that of a much more realized to materialize. The complex regional community obvious change, Chile's withdrawal from member-ning, aid programmes and a chip of the Audean Pact, wariery of other measures, was a negative one which reaction. And in general the support for the idea. It has reaction. And in general the support for the idea. It has rather lethargic approach of however been agreed that the pact's parent body Lafta no serious discussions will (or ALALC), the Latin take place on the subject American Free Trade Asso. ciation, has been typical.

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Thus what success has been achieved has been steady over the past 15 years at close to of greatest potential). not met with much success in those sectors which form been achieved has been the basis of a modern indus. defensive; declining particitial state, namely the steel; pation in world trade has motor and shipbuilding industries.

Latin American nations, including Brazil and Mexico, to change their industrial development programmes to Developments that might allow areas of specialization

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might have occurred anyway This is a difficulty shared as the Latin American pations built up their manufacturing industries and the lem stems from an indigenous trait the desired anyway as the Latin American pations built up their manufacturing industries and the export. of manufactured goods.



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can Common Market, and been able to pursue sensible. The Inter-American De-the Organization of the policies which allow hope velapment Bank has aim been in constant danger of Finally.

Some political success, flexibility, however, has been achieved Of a so In negotiations over the nature are Cecla and Sela, doned and or least one for the EEC. Barriers to progress in Caricom also centre on the differing size and level of banks: (Felsban) whose bank will surice severe condevelopment of its members in negotiations over the Caricom also centre on the differing size and level of development of its members differing size and level of development of its members with Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados and Guyaos dominating the account agreement. Other constraints are the small size of the overall market and the members have balance of CACM, as well as several members have balance of Caricom members, with an eventual aim of bringing the three associations under the constant to recognize that is included and the fact that nearly all the members have balance of CACM, as well as several caricom members, with an eventual aim of bringing the three associations under the corning that continue that continue the three associations under the corning that the three associations under the work of the work of the continue of the continue

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On sharing a bed

three loans totalling \$320m for electrical, road-building and industrial development. On these, the United States registered one favourable rote and two abstentions, each time making statements on human rights in Argentina. The World Bank, bow ever, is now considering three more loans totalling \$480m for Argentine silo construc-

for Argentine silo construc-tion, agriculture and hydro-electric development.

In the IDB the United States delegate has at least twice voted ineffectually against loans for Argentina. Five have been approved for a total of \$292m to be used

These loans are crucial for a decapitalized country such as Argentian, and the United States is facing charges inboth institutions of trying to bring political considerations or being a being to being a loan to be a loan to be

to projects as varied as pulp paper plants and an underwater gas pipeline in Tierra del Fuego. Ten more loans totalling \$660m are underconsideration.

to bring political considerations to bear on them. American delegates therefore weigh
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directly help the needy in
countries where human
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criteria, its stand on human Whatever the United States criteria, its stand on human rights has not found favour in the IDB and the World Bank, Indeed, in the Inter-American Development Bank a United States vote against a loan probably ensures a majority for it.

The American Government's other weapon is its Export-Import Bank. Although not a development institution but a promoter of United States exports, it is

United States exports, it is subject to a congressional exhortation to pay heed to: human rights.

Chile's access to Exim-bank credits has long been

restricted, originally hecause of the economic disaster under President Salvador Alleade and now for political reasons, but Argentical bas had no credits refused. Since the coun the Argentine state railways have received \$20m, and a private construction company received a credit of \$3m to buy heavy earth-moving equipment. The chairman of Eximbank, however, is close to President Carter and it may soon be instructed to refuse Argentina redits even if American exports are to suffer. In that case, Argentina would probably turn to Japan for export credits. Since the coup the Argen-

Mexico designed a financial programme to gradually reestablish the internal and external balance of the economy over a period of 3 years, is order to reduce to a minimum the social and political cost which an adjustment of the magnitude required necessarily involves. In appoort of this programme an Extended Fund Facility Agreement was negotiated with the IMF and became effective on January 1st, 1977.

The policy measures adopted by the Mexican Government cover a full range of instruments and represent a sustained effort to be carried out over the period of the present Administration. In these efforts, the central bank—Banca de México—has played 2 major role, Following the course charted by President José López Portillo, Gustavo Romera Kolbeck the General Director of the Sank, established as a key short-run objective of the central bank; to restore confidence in Mexican financial institutions, so as to attimulate a reflow of savings as a prerequisite for supporting productive activities, as well as the mon-inflationary financing required by the public sector. Long-run policy objectives have been directed to ensure a more efficient and flexible banking system for Mexico, in the face of a changing international figureial structure.

The management of interest rates and the use of legal reserve requirements are the basic instruments of monetary policy in Mexico. The latter is the main internal policy instrument, which has been used in an oxothodox manner to influence the money supply in quantitative terms; but, it is elso used in a novel way as a qualitative instrument to allocate credit to priority sectors. The management of interest rates is the main external policy instrument and, accordingly, the differential with respect to interest rates prevailing is world financial markets—is narrowed or widened as the control back sees fit to induce or restrain capital flows.

On May 23rd, Banco de Mexico introduced a flexible policy on inverest rates, by which maximum rates psychle on peso time deposits rose sharply—from 13.42 to 18.52 per cent—which, coupled with favourable tax incensives, increased net rields for the investor while, at the same time, the maturity range for time deposits was widened to better accommodate the needs of savers. It should be menioned that the interest rates differential on comparable six-mouth financial instruments between Mexico and the fitancial markets in New York shows a nominal gain for the former of around 9 per cent for the individual investor. As a result of maintaining a flexible interest rate policy at sufficient levels to attract internal and external anvings, the response of savers to these measures has been most favourable. Thus, term peso liabilities during 1977 have grown by about 65.1 billion pesos (\$2.9 billion), out of which 20 billion pesos (\$900 million), represent one and two-year term deposits, reflecting increasing her yields to the investor, the confidence of savers in the public management of the aconomys as well at the resulting expectations for a stronger peso.

The legal reserve requirements were reduced; on average, from 55 to 39.5 per cent in April 10 increase the availability of finds for selected fields of the private sector. Also, with the same purpose of promoting investment, by which Mexican companies that obtain dollar credits from abroad make a dollar deposit in a Mexican commercial bank which, in turn, deposits the full amount with the central lank. Upon receipt of the dollar deposit, Banco de México opens a rediscount line in pesos to the commercial bank which, in turn, grants a peso credit to the private firm obtains the same amount of U.S. dollars deposited at the rate of exchange of the date of the original deposit. It should be emphasized that these "swap" operations are not granted automatically, but must, be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis by the central bank; which favours operations intended to finance investment. Through this mechanism, firms may obtain dollar credits and be projected against exchange risks. To date, Banco de México has received applications for this special programme or more than \$1 billion of which \$520 million dollars has already been approved.

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Economic Development in Mexico: The Outlook prices rose by 5.6 per cent a month—an increase which relatived the exchange rate depreciation or September of 1976—prices have shown a favourable trend. The latest available figures show that substantial progress has already been achieved, since the average monthly increase in the Consumer Price Index from May through September was 1.5 per cent. Last October, the Consumer Price Index rose only 0.6 per cent and the Wholesale Price Index decreased 0.2 per cent.

After the severe difficulties encountered during the last months of 1976, the main task of the new Administration headed by José López Portillo, who took office on December 1st, 1976, has been the need to restore confidence in the future of the Mexican economy and its political institutions, which have served the country so well for more show half a century.

Monetary policies have been coupled with a variety of other economic instruments, leading to the adjustment of the economic system. A reflection of this is the remarkable strengthening of the external action of this Mexican economy. For the first three quarters of 1977, the current account deficit fell from \$2,484,000,000 in 1976 to \$1.1 billion. By the end of 1974, it is expected that this deficit will reach about \$1,6 billion, compared to the 1576 deficit of \$3.0 billion. The reduction of the external sector desequilibrium has led to a decline in the rate of which describes has resorted to financing from abroad during 1976. As a result, net external borrowing for this year will be about \$0 per cent less than that registered during 1976.

All these factors have contributed substantially to the stabilisation of the Mexican exchange rate which, since March, has fluctuated no more than 2 per cent with respect to the U.S. dollar. It can be said that during the current year, Mexico entered a mature floating exchange

Worthy of mention also is the fact that Mexico's proven oil reserves amounting to 29.2 billion barrels, with estimated reserves amounting to 29.2 billion barrels, and likely reserves of up to 120.0 billion barrels. For the exploitation of these resources, Petroleos Mexicanos (PEMEX) has planned capital, expenditure for the period 1977-1982 of about \$15.5 billion. This will allow PEMEX to satisfy internal demand and be able to increase exports from about 200 thousand sarrels a day in 1977 to over 1.1 million barrels a day by 1982. The oil boom in itself, and because of the linkages that this sector has with other areas of the economy, particularly heavy industry, pertuchenical, fertiliners, etc., abould ensure that, in the medium-term. Mexico will be able to achieve high rares of growth and employment. It should be emphasized that Mexico is not only an oil producer but that it has a well diversified economy which includes a large and dynamic manufacturing sector, a growing to bond industry, mining, tourism, among others.

At present, the outlook for the Slexican economy during 1978 is most favourable. The Government Budget for 1978 is designed to existe an increase in the real growth rate of the GNP. The Central bank will gear its monetary policy to provide an adequate availability of fundly for investment to the private actor, Meanwhile, external indebtedness will be in actordance with the debt capacity of the Country, and inflation will continue to subside.

In order to fulfil the long-run requirements of the Mexican economy, the financial and monetary authorities are aware of the med for a more competitive and flexible financial system. Usul now, Mexico's financial authorities have been using the traditional techniques of monetary control, such as varying legal reserve, requirements and selective credit controls, and instituting a more flexible interest fate policy. The development, of public finances and a more efficient monetary policy has produced a new financial instrument for Mexico—the Treasury Cortificate. This new Instrument will allow the central bank to add, as a technique for monetary-commit, open-market operations, whereby it will be possible to affect the cash hashof, whereby it will be possible to affect the cash hashof the banking system and the structure of interest rates—creating, at the same time, a stable secondary market in Treasury Certificates and an effective instrument for financing short-term needs of the government.

Another development that has been taking shape is the emergence of multiple building institutions. This new type of institution was established through the morger and consolidation of different types of institutions—commercial banks, savings and topes associations, investment banks and mortgage credit institutions—involved multiple service institution with higher, ranked assets, greater competitiveness position and a broader basis for deposits, security issues and investment diversification of its resources.

The country's banking and financial sector has played an important role in economic development. The past events have served to reaffirm his strength; and the lessons learned from it will not be lost. The Director of Euroca de Mesico has repeatedly trained that the castrement favorable future of Mexico ites utitin a policy of economic development that stimulates the property suiectives of wider employment and social justice.

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Don't cry for Argentina

by Andrew Tarnowski

October produced Argen. A 7.9 per cent third quar-tina's worst monthly inflater gnn growth over the tion for the year at 12.5 new same period of 1976 has been risk contracts to explore for October produced Argentotal to be about 170 per cent recessions, but was also the southern continental recent originally forecast by terms on the same period of the Government. It also 1974, the year before Argental relationship of the southern continental states and the southern continental shelf are not yet known. Foreign companies are reportedly reluctant to accept the government. It also 1974, the year before Argental reluctant to accept the shelf are not yet known.

However, political considerations apart, neither he nor foreign bankers and businessmen are dismayed will be down on last year's poing. The 1976 inflation total of 350 per cent has been halved, while a certain over-hearing of the economy has been permitted to keep unemployment down to 3.3 per cent.

Other achievements in Accession's intermational Monetary Fund International Monetary Fund commitment to reduce it to 3 per cent of gnp, compared with more than 13 per cent at the end of the Peronist period. A liquidity squeeze and budgetary hold-down has been permitted to keep unemployment down to 3.3 per cent.

tion for the year at 12.5 per same period of 1976 has been cent, and bankers expect the typical of periods after deep sector strikes which gave Dr José Martinez de Hoz, the Economy Minister, his worst moment since the military coup in March 1976.

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per cent.
Other achievements in Argentina's international Official expectations, clude an agriculture-led export boom which has swollen foreign reserves to ment remains disappointingly to 95 per cent in 1978, with monthly rates at 4 per cent

tion (tax revenue is up 47 per cent in real terms this year), the hold-down on public sector wages, restriction of export credits and the opening up to imported consumer goods, have also contributed.

Car production led the slump, falling 7.4 per cent in October, and one banker estimated that industrial



The squeeze, however, is Argentine exports are likely to reach a surplus of \$1,400m by the end of the sending the economy back year largely because of the excellent profits from the grain harvest which into recession. The high totalled a record 11 million tonnes for 1976-77. The picture shows maize cost of finance—which reached 14 per cent monthly in October—increased and increasingly efficient.

to damp down inflationary expectations. If the economy heats up too fast in the second quarter of 1978 it will pump in the coolers again. The aim is steady growth, not sharp variations."

Car production led the slump, falling 7.4 per cent in October, and one banker estimated that industrial output began dropping at a rate of 20 m 25 per cent in mid-October.

He said the slow down would touch the bottom in January and no recovery was foreseen until April. "From the Government's point of view it is a desired recession is likely to intensify Dr Martinez de Hoz's political difficulties, underlined by the October strikes, and ever-present in the bitter nickname "Martinez de Hoz's political difficulties, underlined by the October strikes, and ever-present in nez de Hambre " (hunger) earned by his wage-pegging policies. Argentina's reforeseen until April. "From the Government's point of workers are increasingly imparient with the un-

y accustomed harshness of their lot.

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While bankers are solidly their lot behind the minister ("we feel he is excellent, capable, may be some military men putting pressure on Martinez de Zioz", said one. "But of defeating inflation", one said), not all are confident the military are eventually that he can indefinitely survive the social and political pressures, particularly since in 1978 will bring no spectace lar economic advances, but a temporary worsening of foreign trade performance because of reorganization of the sector.

Bankers canassada and price as shiver of fright in October. "Whenever there are strikes in the public sector we feel uncomfortably that there may be some military men putting pressure on Martinez de Zioz", said one. "But whenever these crises occur the military are eventually forced to back him", he was added.

Another banker was less confident: "Martinez de Hoz gave way to pay demands in October. Perhaps the situation of the sector.

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Bolivia: growth hindered

by Patrick Knight

The Holivian economy has poorest of the Laun Ameri-risch from 2 per cent of the grown at a rate of between can countries. A French whole to 20 per cent and it is and 7 per cent in the past geologist on loan to the is now also its biggest credifiew years. Exports of petrol-Government told me that tor, after the United States. eum products and agricul-Bolivia was potentially the Argentina, which has been tural goods now account for richest country of the displaced by Brazil, is a much as minerals, and Andes, having massive ancious to reactivate some of its projects. as much as minerals, and Andes, having have ended the country's mineral wealth.

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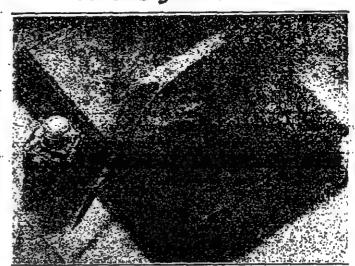
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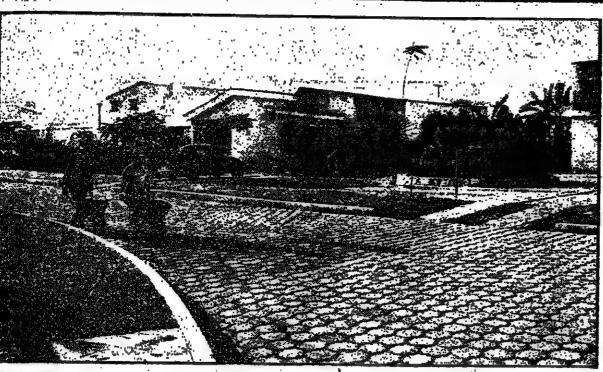
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Colombia: beans mean strife

by Peter Stratford

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The World Bank has recently made a \$42m loan to Mexico for part of the second-stage development of a new tourist resort at Cancun (above) on the Caribbean. A complete new town with about 22 hotels has been built in what was virgin jungle five years ago.

Mexico: budget crisis

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been the creation of brokerage houses by major backs to trade in the budding stock market.

Although Attnough substantial progress has been achieved by the banks this year, they remain plagued by an un-precedented peso credit shortage and heavy deposits in dollars. About one sixth of total deposits are in dol-lars. This has increased dollar loan availability, which

few companies want.

The Banco de Mexico has created a novel swap device to alleviate this situation. If a company makes a deposit in dollars of a minimum \$100,000, it can then obtain a credit for the equivalent amount in Pesos. The dollar deposits provide interest at the Eurodollar rate but the annual interest rate for peso loans under this arrangement ranges from 20 per cent for capital equipment to 25 per cent for working capital.

This swap arrangement has met with eager acceptance from credit-hungry Mexican companies. More than \$320m in credits were granted under this arrange ment, including a single operation for \$100m during the first phase of the pro-

September and October were the first two months of the year that the "dol-larization" of the Mexican banks decreased. Deposits in dollars deckined \$22m in eptember and an additional \$41m during October a investors abandoned United States currency the trend continued

The decrease was small but local banking observers considered it to be significant since the amount of deposits in dollars has increased every month since lanuary when the total was \$2,215m. The trend of declining deposits in dollars was attributed to the recent improvement of peso quota-tions in the futures market of the international mone-tary market in Chicago. exciting petroleum discov-eries in south-east Mexico and growing signs of econ-

Ecuador

The Ecuadorean banks are established

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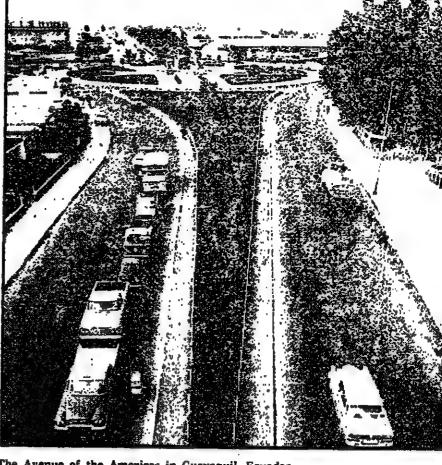
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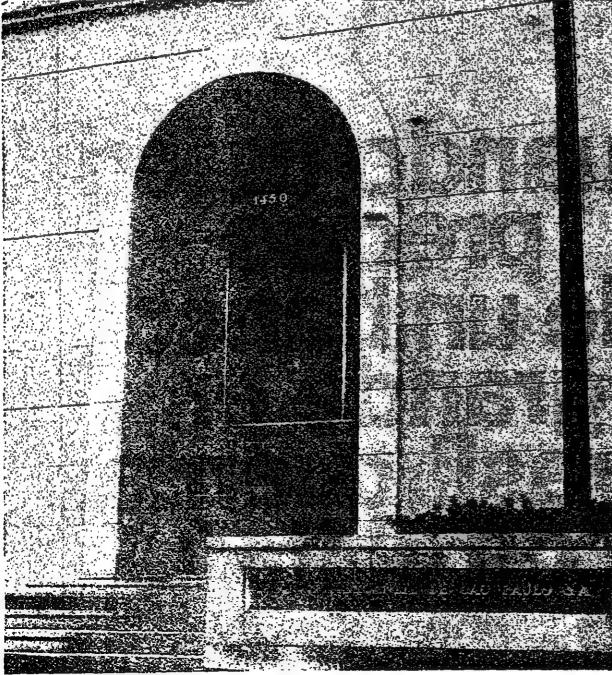
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Why so many children stay away from school

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30 per cent truancy rate suffering the most Repeat scarcely know him and has been suggested for edly one hears in juvenile consequently will not miss some schools. has been suggested for edly one hears in juvenile some schools. It is axiomatic that when a child is not where he secondary schools where no ence of appointed specifically to many school. The reason that deal with non-academic secondary schools where no should be, that is to say is often given is that the issues has not overcome this those of a lower IQ or a

child.

Truancy is often particuscattered and the child has to follow his own individual timetable from one place to another without the support of a constant group of classmates. A pupil will see each teacher perhaps only a few times a week and some chil-



Children know each other through having worked together.

In primary schools the child was used to being directed non-academic in what to learn. Many of

with lesser academic bent find problems often will not con- the freedom of choice sult a pastoral teacher whom offered them in comprehenthey scarcely know. A sive schools difficult to teacher and child come to handle. Even once they have made their choice they become easily discouraged The variety of subjects and give up. A school will available is also bewilder- tell the juvenile court that ingly large for some children, special courses have been special courses have been arranged for a truant but that he did not take advantage of the tailor-made time-

greater success.

the matter of discipline. this includes testing-out the tolerance of society to antisocial behaviour. The young people themselves have joined this debate—according to a recent poll carried out by Capital Radio, twothirds of school children and young people in London would like more discipline in schools. Perhaps we are placing unreasonable discipline is analogous to a lack of support.

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among those who are victims of a system which is too sophisticated for them. They vote with their feet by wandering the streets instead of zonig to school. At 16 they of the causes and possible find themselves on the labour market without many of the ally accepted However, the besic essential skills, unable to measure up to the require-

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is offered, but often with no this desire for direction, accept. What they provide is Adolescence is a difficult small groups and a caring Another way in which period and we make it even and disciplined environment. these large schools are more confusing when we fail it should be possible for this letting children down is in to provide adequate guide to be provided at a far lower cost within the schools them-The sad irony of the com- selves for other truents. ing in many directions and prehensive system is that in Phase who require the sense many cases it is serving worst. It identity and more structhose in the greatest need. Tured framework that smaller finnigrant children rank high classes can give should be catered for, just as are those children requiring specialist

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Many excellent residential possibilities in life which possibilities in life which otten lead to crime. This part of the "Great Education Debate" is not theoretical out of extreme practical

> Louisa Service The author is Chanman of Hackney Juvenile Court. § Times Newspapers Ltd. 1977

Teaching women about their own bodies

Considering the amount of literature available on the subject Heather to guide the group of human health and sexuality, it is anazing how ignorant most of us outside the medical profession remain about our own bodies. A brief glance through any women's magazine confirms that large areas of confusion

still exist on the topic. How many women taking the contraceptive pill understand how it vorks to prevent concep-tion? How many understand the hormonal changes taking place in the body during puberty, prognercy and the menopause? How many actually prefer not to know, considering that only hypoclandriacs show an active interest in their own health?

For several years self-help health troups have been growing rapidly within the women's ing randly within the women's movement, especially in Americ, and to a lesser extent in this country. The emphasis is on bdy awareness and preventive medicine. Pooling their knowledge, ideas and experience, when in the movement have learnt the technique of vaccinal translation and the use vaginal ramination and the use

Yet outside the women's movement, women in general have hid few opportunities to share and discuss this kind of knowledge. An exception has been short experimental course in women's health held recently in Brighton as part of an adul education programme, snonsorid jointly by the University of Sussex Centre for Continuing Education and the Friends Centre. The sponsoring bodies unsidered that if such a courselencouraged women motive a serious interest in their health, it a sociological rather than a quisi-medical framework, it deserved their support.

Alan luckett, Principal of the Francis Centre, saw women's leakth as a legitimate women's least has a legitimate continuation in the series of women's studies (history, pultics, literiture), which have been held at the centre since 1973. He believes that adult education can only lenefit from ideal such as women's self-help heath courses which prisinate title the second of the self-help heath courses which originate within the vomen's movement or the black movement in Aperica.

The course attracted '16 women of all ages and backgrounds, from a 17-year-old Venezuelan student to a 65-year-old gradimother. A young doctor, attending from personal rather than professional interest, kept her modical qualifications a severe "he majorier rications a secret. The majority of those on the course felt that the presence of loctors, perhaps as lectures, at every meeting, would have inhibited discussion and comment. As the Friends Centre i well known in the area for is varied adult education programme, and has no overt medica or women's lib connexions, it proved an ideal meeting place—purely neutral territory

Few of the women knew what to expct from the course's title and most approached with a cautious interest. "I mad it clear from the first meeting that I hadn't come to be diserable, swop anecdotes about doctors or an my complants-I believe in positive, preentative medi-cine", said iS-year-old Mrs Peggy Wollede. These feelings were shared by the other women and he course tutor, Heather de Lon, a community worker with adegree in psychology and socilogy.

"We're nt here to slam doctors or occurage negative attitudes. We want to show women how to improve on the facilities already available and, by giving thm a greater under-standing of their bodies and health, plæ a positive role in reducing aiments. Possibly this however sightly, off the medi-cal profession."

Cindy Harnist, who helped to discover the stoical attitude many of the women adopted about their own health. "The husband's and children's health came first. If you were ill yourself; it was unfortunate sonal well-being was treated in a south more casual manner-than that of the family."

Subjects the course managed to cover, however briefly, in-cluded nutrition, contracep-tion, abortion, childbirth, mas-sage, mental health, venereal disease, vaginal infections and herbalism, Sexuality and re-lated topics such as vaginal selfexamination, might have been included but Heather, a member of the Brighton women's movement, chose not to pursue

"It was one of the drawbacks of having such a short course. People need a lot of time to gain confidence in each other before tackling such sensitive issues. You have to accept that was recommended." of simile remedies such as yogurt for intections like thrush. Massage and relaxation are legat as an antidote to stress and "alternative" medicine—brbalism, homeopathy—is studied. women actually admitted feel-ing emberrassed—it meant that they were now facing up to the subject rather than ignoring it."

Feelings of confusion rather than prudery overcame Mrs Sharon Norman, a doctor's daughter-in-law, when looking at the photographs which illustrated an article on self-exami-

"They were pretty explicit and my immediate reaction was to close the pages. I felt I shouldn't even be looking—it was that part of you that was never given a name when you're a child. Yet I felt it was ridiculous to react in this way over just another part of the body. Perhaps it was because I was brought up in a family where it was considered rude even to show your knickers!"

Even Mrs Anna Pattenden, a former teacher, who had worked as a nursing auxillary, and as such seen many naked bodies, felt extremely uncomfortable when asked to think about her own. "I was supposed to concentrate on myself, what I liked and disliked about my body. I was surprised to find how uneasy I felt, I didn't really want to think about it at all: Certainly it was something I. tainly it was something I couldn't have discussed openly in front of anyone else."

Not so Mrs Maxine Rawlings, discussed on the course about the female anatomy had worried her. "I've recently had a baby and after that experience I don't feel embarrassed about anything."

For Angelica Alvaray, a 17year-old student from Caracas, the course presented a unique opportunity not available in her own country. "Venezuela is still yery much a man's country and I doubt if a course like this I doubt if a course like this would have been allowed.
Knowledge about my body, how
to improve my health, would
have been impossible to obtain

Although the course at the Friends Centre has just finished, several of the women have become so involved that health group with Heather and Cindy at the local Resources Centre, The centre also happens to be the present home of the Brighton women's movement and most of the women from the course are by no means committed feminists,

"Had the course started off from there I would have been very apprehensive, I doubt if I'd have gone", said Mrs Norman. "But I've found the course so fascinating and there's still so much to learn. I'm now helping to plan the programme for January I wish that more courses like this could be available for women throughout the country-I'm certain they would prove a great success."

Vanora Leigh



Why Britain must not fall for this French white elephant

When the eyes went down on the green baize for the start of yesterday's talks between the Prime Minister and President Giscard d'Estaing, it is a safe bet that high on the agenda was the present condition of the aerospace industries in both countries, coupled with the prospects for future col-

Both industries are largely sustained by military orders and both industries on the civil aircraft side are facing a bleak future in the wake of the cessation of the Concorde programme. New projects must be sought and everyone agrees that these projects must be collaborative efforts involving two or more countries. That is where the agreeing tends to

Would-be consortis form and reform in a bewildering variety of quadrilles but little is happening in a positive sense. Unfortunately time is not on the side of the Europeans in general and as far as the British are concerned there is anxiety that the leaders of the now state-owned British Aerospace have already taken a major have already taken a major decision which will effectively foreclose one of the options that the Prime Minister would otherwise want to

There are three potential segments for future civil sur-craft projects and these are the small, medium and large sectors, small being under 100 seats, medium about 150 seats and large over 200.

It would be as well to establish that a world market actually does exist and there is general agreement on both sides of the Atlantic that there is a positively identified mar-ket for about 1,200 aircraft in the 150-sear class by 1990.

The British entry into this market is called the X-11 and It is a deliberate derivative of the existing and successful 1-11. British Aerospace has spent nearly £2m in bringing this concept up to date and is lob-bying hard round the world in an attempt to secure letters of intent to purchase. Much in-the X-11 concept by airlines, particularly those operating a regional interlink type of ser-

Once a market has been identified it is axiometic that whoever gets in first does well. McDonnell Douglas have annunced the launch in October of the DC9-80, an aircraft adapted for this market segment, and all the indications are that where McDonnell Rouglas tread Boeing cannot be far behind. There will, therefore, be three entrants in the market if the X-11 proceeds and four should the French are offers a good prospect of marking a return on investment and the other on investment and the other lands appears to have been convinced by the very active Falkdecide to enter an aircraft of

their own. The French contender is known as the A200 and this would be an entirely new zeroplane complete with leaning curve problems whereas the X-11 is relying on albeit advanced but none the less pro-

ven design characteristics.

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a totally new aeroplane made any economic sense. Moreover, this extra cost in-creases the unit price of the new aeroplane which in rurn increases the number of copies that have to be sold before break even point is reached. The X-11 is ready for knunching whereas the new A200 would take several months by which time beth Armeion which time both American
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entrants would be declared
and this would be shrinking
the size of the market that is

still available.

Most decision makers would welcome a choice as clear cut as this, but Lord Beswick, the British Aerospace chairman, has gratified the French by agreeing to participate in a There are various possibilities study the French project. The for the small and large sectors latest indications are that not but the sector with the most satisfied with this piece of British fair play the keeper of our die one, and this is indeed, the sector which is exciting the keenest interest.

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died in detail.

If it should appear after If it should appear after these detailed studies that the A200 does not offer the requisite commercial potential, then the hotentian presumably is to "fall back" on the X-11 which will then, it is fondly believed, be received with enthusiasm by a chorus of adoring airlines who knew it was the best all along.

saided course of action is apparently that the French have said they will not come in on the K-11, but as a certain lady once said "they would wouldn't thay".

By taking this action they

By taking this action they knew British Aerospace would feebly drop its own project and go in with theirs. One wonders how streamous have been the efforts to find other

on investment and the other will cause the taxpaver a the aerospace industry to a lingering and painful death.

Lord Beswick may well be prepared to ask the last Bridsh

Aerospace employee to turn out the lights as he leaves but the Prime Minister is too smart an operator to be taken in by

Geoffrey Pattie The author is Tory MP for Cherisey and Walton and vice-chairman of the Conservative

says Dick Emery

Bernard Levin

Perpetual serfdom: this is the full horror of life in the Chinese compound

magazine Commentary), of a visit he had paid to China. Partly by a series of fortunate accidents, and partly of fortunate accidents, and partly through his own persistence, scepticism and scholarly integrity, he had managed repeatedly to get behind the smooth wall of propaganda presented to visitors to China and see a good deal of the reality behind it. Professor Luttwak was primarily concerned to describe what he saw and heard, and I thought his article so important and so valuable that I devoted three successive columns to summarizing successive columns to summarizing and quoting what he wrote.

I have now obtained another series of articles on China, this time not by a university teacher but by a newspaper journalist, Mr Ross Munro of the Toronto Globe and Mail; Mr out in a striking manner Professor Luttwak's conclusions; they are par-ticularly interesting because Mr Munro has been a correspondent in China for some two and a half record

China for some two and a half years, and was thus there during the upheavals which preceded and followed the death of Mao Tse-tung, and also because he clearly developed, over the period of his assignment, a considerable admiration and indeed affection for the Chinese people, so that it is quite clear that he was not unconsciously, let alone deliberately, fitting his observations into any pre-fabricated ideological pattern. Moreover, just as Professor Luttwak's account displayed the best kind of rigorous academic mind, so Mr Munro's is evidently that of the best kind of shrewdly observant reporter. But the most significant aspect of his series is the fact that it has pro-voked the Chinese authorities into revoking Mr Munro's visa; he has been told that it will not be renewed

after it expires at the end of the year, and that he must then leave China. This suggests that Mr Munro's picture is uncomfortably accurate, and I therefore propose to do the

Some months ago I read a long same with his series, this week, as account, by Professor Edward Lutting I did with Professor Luttwak's wak (published in the American article (For those who read his long magazine Commentary), of a visit he article in last Sunday's Observer, I should say that none of the material I am using appeared there.)

Before I begin, however, a word of caution is perhaps appropriate. The conditions depicted in Mr Munro's reports are now subject to what, it is already clear, is an upheaval in China that goes far beyond the firm establishment of control by her new rulers, and the elimination of any possible opponents or rivals. It is too early to make confident predictions about the course of the new regime, except of course that it has no intention of allowing anything in the intention of allowing anything in the way of a genuine opening of the world's most closed totalitarian society. But already there have been signs that the barshest repression is being eased; the nearest comparison is with the Vorster Government's relaxation of "petry apartheid" in South Africa.

South Africa.

Such easements will obviously be welcome to the Chinese people. So, and perhaps more so, will be a similar relaxation (also clearly in evidence) in the ideological fanaticism of Mao and his "Gang of Four", though the ludicrous accusations against the latter revive memories of the insane charges of Stalin's Terror. China's new rulers have clearly set themselves the goal of ensuring economic advancement (one of their most urgent tusks is making up the appalling gap caused by the virtually complete destruction of Chinese education during the "cultural revolution").

The motives of their rulers are

The motives of their rulers are unlikely to trouble the Chinese people; but if their own lives are made less bitter, the control exerted over them less complete, the tyranny of communism less cruel, they will no doubt count that as gain, and rightly. In that sense, and in that sense alone, it may be that Mr Munro's articles describe a static condition; China, it is beginning to may again.

from the excesses described by Mr Munro, and although, indeed, she has not moved more than a step away from them so far, and although, finally, no faction that might conceivably come to power in China would in any circumstances contemplate any form of political pluralism or the institution of elementary human rights taken for granted in demo-cratic countries, yet the movement itself is to be welcomed. Mr Munro's accurate picture is of a country which had stood still for years. In a few years' time, if he were writing a similar series, he would no doubt have some interesting things to say about the movement now beginning. Perhaps, if it gathers pace, China's rulers may one day even overcome their fear of the truth so far as to let Mr Munro back in again.

That said, let us start with an item which perhaps sums up China better than any parade of statistics or analysis of policy.

A Communist Party functionary was recently telling a foreigner how Chinese society ideally should be organized. Everyone, he said, should live in the compound where he works. If for some reason the works large and the home ways he he works. If for some reason the workplace and the home must be in different locations, he said, then people should still live in the same place as their workmates. The worker who commutes between home and job poses a problem, the party member said. He can be two different men. At the factory, his political attitudes and work habits are known, but the party would not know how he acts around home. The party functionary said it would be a healthier political situation for the man to be among his fellowworkers 24 hours a day.

This is not just a matter of control, This is not just a matter of control,

which is, after all, more complete in the case of China (literally the most totalitarian nation on earth) than in even the most brutal of the regimes

and although there is no guarantee in the Soviet Empire. The full horror that she will continue to move away of such conditions lies in the vision of the lives of the citizens. As Mr Munro reminds his readers. China has imposed controls over areas of life that are matters of free individual choice even in many police states: the freedom to choose-or quit-one's job; the freedom to start even the smallest business; the freedom to choose where one wants to live; the freedom to travel ". But that is only the negative side of it. the forbidding by the State of that which the rulers fear. What gives China its particular quality is the

other side of this coin: Many of the urban Chinese already live in all-inclusive units that are concerned with every aspect of the welfare and behaviour of the compound's residents. . . In a clothing factory compound in Ropei Province, a notice posted on a work-shop wall declares that people going in said out of the compound must get off their bicycles at the gate and surrender all bags and packages to security workers for inspection. Except in special cir-cumstances, the notice continues, people must be back inside the

compound by 11 p.m.

And Mr Munro provides another Hustration of the way the theory

Mustration of the way the theory works in practice.

Officials in the No 1 Cotton Factory in Shinchiachuang, south of Peking, were recently trying to explain to a foreign visitor how workers there buy bicycles. Each year, they said, the state allots about 250 bicycles to be distributed among the 4,000 workers and their families.

The workers in the workshops are living together and they know everything about everybody", the foreigner was assured. They know which families need a

How admirable, our own deutero-Maoists will cry: the living embodi-ment of the main principle of the

true faith—to each according to his needs. Just so did their forcears in the Thirties point to the Soter Constitution and quote the passages guaranteeing free speech-aid just

so does the reality contrast
One person with direct knowledge of how units and residential comminees operate describes the security system as inexpicibly woven rogether with the web of personal relationships toth friendly and unfriendly. "According to Mao's philosophy", he says, "you report on your friend or neighbour when he's done ome thing wrong because it's and for

thing wrong because it's good for him to be criticized and reformed. because you don't like him and you want to get at him "... Party officials evidently believe the desire for privacy must be conbated because they constantly urge local party functionalists to devote more time to home visits to families in their area. In one neighbourhood in Peking last summer, ir one ex-ample of mild political menitoring. party functionaries put up a huge chart listing each housefold and what its members had done to help clean up after the earthquike. The chart wasn't on much air honour roll of those who had done a great deal as it was a report eard for adults with blank spaces for those

adults with blank spaces for those judged not to have done emugh. I shall continue with this tomorrow: today, I will leave you with a simple picture of life in the fhintse unit as Mr Munro observed it. Simple, because it follows naturally from the implications of what has gone before. But also terribla, because of the perpetual serfdom it implies:

People are normally assigned to a work unit for life. Transfers are extremely difficult to obtain but are sometimes granted on the con-

are sometimes granted on the con-dition that the departing worker finds someone with comparable skills and experience who's willing to switch jobs with him.

(To be continued)

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A gleam of hope at last for Falkland islanders

New developments in the Falk-land Islands, Britain's riny dis-puted colony in the South Atlantic, suggest that the Bri-tish and Argentine govern-ments have reached some agreement as far as economic cooperation is concerned.

Today ministerial represent-

atives from the two govern-ments are meeting in New York where they are expected to concentrate on discussing further aspects of economic cooperation rather than the main issue of sovereignty, although the two are inextricably in-

vinced by the very active Falk-land Islands lobbyists in London, not to mention hearing the views of the islanders atfirst kand, that there can be no question of a "sell out" at today's talks, or any other time, if it is against the wishes are nearly all British or of British descent.

Pritish descent.

Following certain changes within the Foreign and Coumonwealth Office and the arrival of a new governor in the islands there seems to be incressing confidence by the islanders and their London supporters in the way that this oversensitive issue being handled.

The more astute islanders realize that in the long term their future depends on furthering stronger commercial and economic ties with neighbouring Argentina. It is in everybody's interest that this



The rolling "British" countryside in Port Howard, Falkland Islands-but for how long?

which was recently taken over by Coalire and Chemical Pro-ducts, may find this a bitter

For a number of years links between the islands and Argentina have been steadily increating. The Argentine Air Force's transport wing, LADE, particles a remains but some provides a regular, but some-times haphazard, weekly sir service to and from Port Stan-ley, capital of the Falklands,

for so practised a performer as the Court Circular.

should be so. However, 'he and Comodoro Rivadavia. There ar the Oversess Development Falkland Islands Company, has been some criticism lately Administration. Estimates for has been some criticism lately Administration. Estimates for about seat availability and the an airfield made in 1969 came cost of fares.
Last month a new permanent

pill to swallow as it controls a sirfield built by Britain at a major part of the islands' total cost of what may he economy which is based on around £6m was officially sheep farming. behind schedule.

This runway, which is too short and unsuitable for LADE's fully laden F-28 jets, is

one of the most controversial siderable on cost which is now issues in the islands. At present the subject of litigation between the contractors and the Fakkland white elephant due largely to Islands Government and may the somnambulant bureaucracy be up to snother £2m.

6I don't think Dad will be

an furness made in 1955 came to £300,000. A joint Argentine-Briefsh military team put the cost at more than £1m in 1971, and by the following year a British firm of consultants increased the estimate for a 1.250-metre runway to £1.75m. By 1974, when a contract was finally signed, it was £4.2m, to which must be added a con-siderable on cost which is now

suitable for a number of teca-nical reasons and consistent pressure on Whitehall to lengthen it to interactional standards has so far falled. In standards has so far raised. In any event, the impact of infla-tion is likely to have on-pounded the cost so much that there could be little justifica-tion on economic grounds for improving the so-far-unused field.

However, it is possible in the curious sage of the Falklands for Ambassador Raul Medina Munoz, director of the Argen-tine Malvines (Faiklands) and Antorotic Department, to sug-gest e his Brirish counterparts that perhaps his country would be prapared to pay for an extension to the sirfield. Two years ago due to the sconomic crisis in Argentina it would Not so today.

Already, the Argentine Government has spent a consi-derable sum on establishing a fuel dopot ourside. Port Stanley, the capital. Furthermore. LADE has just been awarded a £282,000 contract by the ODA/8ODM to build a new oil ODA/SODM to build a new oil jetty to provide a supply point for the fuel depot which has stood unused for nearly two years. The LADE tender was about half the amount offered by the Johnston Construction company, of Redhill, who have just completed the airfield.

Just completed the airfield.

Perhaps the best indication of a change of climate between Britain and Argentina is the recent confirmation that an American company, Geophysical Services, is to carry our seismic surveys in offshore waters around the Islands up to the 100-fathom mark. This is one of the recommendations by. Lord Shackleton in his

economic report on the slands published during 1976. There have been a number of riports on hydrocarbon prospeds in the region. One of the most notable is by Professor D. H. Griffiths, of Birmingham University, which implies that the contract projects contracts. Correct geological conditions exist in some offshore areas where hydrocarbons cuid be expected to be found.

According to the Shaceleton report " . . . it is probabe that the large bydrocarbon acunulations in the Malvinas Busin, if they exist, would occur where the sedimentary thicknesses are greatest It would appear from the Griffiths unitathat this occurs in the 80-206metro water deptils."

It is hoped that Geophysical Services, which will operate two vessels, will be asle to establish a more positive indication of the likelihood of oil or gas being found in the gea. The company has paid 200 to the Falkland Islands Government for a permission to carry out the work and data vill be provided to both Britist and

This decision is an important indicator on the current reis-tipoship between London and Buenos Aires. But in selte of it. Ambassador Munos who has just returned from a tour of the Falklands, said at the beginning of the month that he thought tomorrow's talks " will be particularly difficult'. After they are over Mr Rowlands is flying to Ric de Jamiro, in Brazil to meet representatives of the islands' government so that he can discuss with them any decisions made in New

Michael Frenchman

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Circular (mystery) tour of a dukedom The Queen announced cryp-

tically in the Court Circular the. other day, that she had agreed that Frederick William Cavendish-Benninck and Venetia Barbara Cavendish-Bentinck should enjoy the same title and precedence as the son and daughter of a duke, which would have been due to them had their father, William George Frederick Cavendish-Bentinck, survived his kinsman, William Arthur Henry, Duke of Port-land, and succeeded to the title of Duke of Portland. That is a mouthful of Caven-

dishes, not to say Bentincks, to squeeze into one sentence, even Where have the

there were no fewer than 70 old peers over the age of 80. Council, thinks he has a case and believes there is a need for performers gone? what he calls "re-afforesta-

Now tell me, friends (yes, it is like "Opportunity Knocks") what has become of the standup comic, the singer who could belt out a song without benefit of a microphone, the great acts who toured the music halls? Nearly all gone, of course, or be taken to train the performers swallowed up by clubs and tele-

has been seeking Roy Shaw's

support. Mr Shaw, a staunch

The upshot of a Shaw-Green lunchtime chat is that Mr Shaw. has agreed to discuss the problem with the BBC and the Independent Broadcasting Authority with the idea of finding out whether some joint action could

of the future. Michael Grade, of London Hughie Green, the talent- Weekend Television, has spoken spotter and quiz king, wants to of the "bias against entertainarrest this alarming decline and ment on the box. Well, here is a chance to bring back some sparkle, perhaps. It all fits in rather well with the 25th anniadvocate of arts for the people versary next month of tele-as secretary-general of the Arts vision's "The Good Old Days".

What is the mystery? Some scandal about false succession and goings-on on the wrong side of the blanket? Nothing so dramatic. The new Duke of Portland succeeded from a collateral branch in March; and this opportunity is Christmas...9 being taken to give his younger brother (who is 80) and sister (who is 75) the courtesy titles they would have had if the succession had been in direct line. The new Duke joins the distinguished list of Dodderers (Members of the House of Lords born before 1890) In seventeenth place. He is 89. The list is led by the Earl of Albemarle (95), Lord Hen-niker (94), and Lord Rathcavan (94). Portland is a comparative stripling. On last January 1

> Discreet elitism

The bastions of privilege, as you know, become daily more impregnable. Royal Ascor (presumably to keep out Dame Edna Everage and Dame Edna Everage and Sion painted by the Master of Nigel Dempster) has taken Liesborn), the angels came in the precaution of instructing nor through the door or the this newspaper to print the window but—according to one news that "applications for child—"in a flash of light".

admission to the Enclosure And in the Adoration of the:

"should be made after Kings (Gossaert) the kings were kings because they had be held from June 20 to 23. crowns on Of course.

The National College also up to the part of the course o

sponsor whose name is already on the Royal En-closure list". That should take care of some people,

Spot the fat cherubim

"Tell them not to point at the pictures with their pens", said an exasperated warder. "You can't trust those children at many right answers my man at al." The warder (of the the speak preview actually got. National Gallery rather than But he did say that any child Wormwood Scrubbs) was get—who reached them all would be Wormwood Scrubbs) was get-ting worried at the first batch of eight to 14 year olds who, lying on their stomachs in front of assorted Old Masters and with their clipboards and pencils, were trying to fill in one of the two quiz sheets drawn up this Christmas by the Gallery's education staff.

The quiz sheets are on angels and food, and provide the incentive for children to go round looking at the printings and asking themselves questions on them. They are also meantto be fun to do, though whether serious minded tourists will find it so is another matter. Certainly some of the ans-

wers coming in yesterday pro-vided interesting angles (or food for thought). In the picture of the Annunciation (the ver-sion painted by the Master of New applicants (Dame Edna, The National Gallery also un-please note) will be sent "a veiled yesterday its new audio-The National Gallery also un-

visual quis, a 25-minute tape and slide show which poses a variety of intriguing questions from what is Rembrandt's woman bathing doing with the legs of Christ, to who is the headless borseman (answer: Charles I, of course).

The lighthearted quiz also includes such questions as which famous paintings featured in which famous films and which paintings inspired which History does not relate how

completely unbearable. Lovest Euro-pun whistling

round the Brussels offices of the EEC: the head of the Jean Quinze. Keep repeating it aloud in a strong Marseilles accent and you might get the

Centurion gets out

Those of you who have enjoyed my guest (not to say surprise) appearances at the dinners of a well known Society at Oriel College over the years will a well known Society at Oriel
College over the years will
understand my interest in the
katest copy of the Oriel
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Notes". Readers, the Record
suggests, will be sad to learn
that Dr. Davies (Tutor in
Ancient History) is to leave
the CoHege. "He has been a
fellow since 1868", the valere
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The Pheasant Pluck's (well as the pheasant Piuck's (well longer, our to put it all in print is not very flattering.

Night but for a knees-up

Holding. as do, such strong views about entertrioment in public houses it must be liquid and of at leat 70' proof), I went on Friday highs with mixed feeling to the Pub-Entertainer of the Year finals in glorious pravi-cocktail-steakchips and pas downtown Frimley.

In truth, I was sympathetic to the cause (it was in aid of the Variety Artists Ladies' and Children's Guild though no amount of excelled wine could make me feel varmiy about some of the findists and I dread to think wat standard was attained by thee who did

not make the final.

Sponsored by the Chef and Brewer group in conjunction with TV Times, the annual event is intended to create, greater awareness the standartis of pub enterpinment in this country. Perhap standards slipped this year, thigh 1 was glad to see that the compers. Frank Carson (duye) of those. television comedy prerammes!

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VOTING FOR EUROPE

The House of Commons will British parliamentary elections, Liberals the representation due be voting today on which type of and will also ensure that no to them. It is particularly ironic electoral system to adopt for the Liberals are represented in the first direct elections to the Euro- European Parliament unless, pean Parliament, in one respect, and in one only, the vote is relatively unimportant. Whatever system is adopted for the first election the system for the second will be decided by the European Parliament itself and will apply throughout the Com-munity. Since every other mem-ber favours some form of proportional representation Britain will have to fall into line. There seems to be little point, therefore, in making one last gesture of defiance tomorrow by voting for the familiar British system under which the first candidate past the post represents a single constituency. Yet this is precisely what the House seems bent on doing if voting predictions are correct. The reasons will have a lot to do with domestic politics and very little to do with which system will actually cause Britain to be

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better represented in Europe.

The first result of adopting the British system will be to delay the elections well beyond the target date of May or June next year. This is mainly because the Boundary Commission will have to go through the lengthy pro-cedures of drawing new European constituencies. England will have sixty-six, Scotland eight and Wales four, while Northern Ire-land will elect three members by the single transferable vote system. All this work will be for one election only. The delay is obviously what attracts a number of MPs, both those who are against European elections altogether and those who want them postponed until after the next British general election.

Better late if ever, is the motto. The other main attraction for members of the two main parties is that choosing the British system will help to discourage in Europe. The British system Liberal hopes of introducing will also be unfair, and be seen proportional representation for to be unfair, in denying the

perhaps, the Dutch or some other particularly selfless Europeans. offer hospitality on their lists. Conservatives do not want to encourage Liberals, who generally take away their votes, and the left wing of the Labour Party is particularly anxious to dish the Liberals because, as Mr Ron Hayward said at the weekend, coalition governments at Westminster would mean goodbye to dreams of a * democratic socialist Britain **.

These are politically understandable if scarcely very worthy reasons for choosing the British system. There are some slightly better reasons. The system is familiar to everybody. Its results are easy to understand. It makes each member a clearer repre-sentative of his constituency, albeit such a large one that representation is bound to be less personal than at Westminster. More usefully, it enables voters to choose more deliberately between candidates with different views on Europe, particularly between those who favour a federal Rurope and those who wish to preserve es much sovereignt as possible for the nation state. This will be one of the important issues of the election.

the arguments However, the arguments against the British system and in favour of proportional representation for European elections are stronger. Adopting the British system will mean keep-ing the whole of Europe waiting beyond the target date for reasons which are hardly likely to find very warm understand-ing. This is not likely to pro-more broader British interests

that it is the party that is collectively the most whole-heartedly European in British politics that will suffer most This will seem especially perverse since the system will prevail for one election only. The next one will cause a sharp change in the structure of British representation. Everyone will therefore feel that there is something temporary and unrepresentative about the first batch of directly elected British members. This could weaken their influence.

The regional list system pro-posed in the European Assembly Elections Bill is not ideal. It has faults which could still be worked on. It is, however, preferable to the first-past-the-post system. It would enable the elections to be held earlier, pos-sibly even by the target date. It would cause British opinion as a whole to be more accurately represented, which is par-ticularly important in that the European Parliament is less concerned with finding majorities for legislation than with exerting representative democratic pres-sure on the Commission. It would also make for a less abrupt change when a common system is adopted for the second European election. And it does not have to be the thin end of the wedge that some members fear will one day bring proportional representation to West-minster—that is still for West-

minster to decide. It would be enormously encouraging, especially for Britain's friends in Europe, if a majority of the House could, against all expectations, lift their eyes above their smaller con-cerns and demonstrate today that they see Europe as something more than a rather inconvenient appendage to British politics.

FRIENDS OF THE COMPREHENSIVES

pressed his party to take an interest in those problems of standards at school which the Tory Party had been inclined to regard as their own preserve, he presented his opponents with an awkward problem, Concern over the course of events in secondary education had brought many votes to the Conservatives in recent years; now their pro-prietary rights in the issue were threatened. At the same time, the Shadow education minister, Mr Norman St John-Stevas, was determined to lead his party away from a nostalgic concentraupon grammar schools towards a closer involvement in in teaching methods, disciplinary the fortunes of the comprehensive schools now attended by eight out of every ten secondary pupils.

The pamphlet published vesterday shows the effects of this convergence. Mr St John-Stevas boldly declares that his party is the best friend of the comprehensive school and that Labour governments, with their insistence on hustling local authorities into reorganization, however hastily devised and ill-financed, have behaved as its enemies. He hopes to retrieve the "comprehensive from the disrepute, into which it has fallen. He would like to see an end to schools on split sites, or with makeshift accommodation and poor facilities. warm towards strict streaming on That is not very contentious: a basis of overall ability than

defend everything that was done in the name of reorganization in the 1960s. It is also common ground (even allowing for the reservations recently expressed by the Schools Inspectorate) that very large schools are apt to be impersonal and over-bureaucratic. As for the mindless acclamation of mixed-ability teaching that was fashionable a few years ago, it is laiready widely recognized as having been

Mr St John-Steves lays claim to a distinctively lory apprecia tion of the importance of variety in the system. Yet the variation style and special subjects that he calls for has already been accepted by Mrs Williams as something worth fostering. Of course, the Government's con-version on these matters is sorecent that the Tories can fairly claim that their own concern is the more sustained and genuine.

The pamphlet will be scanned by its author's opponents for evidence that he is seeking to introduce discriminatory selective principles into the comprehensive framework. Selection by merit is not a concept that he is ashamed of. On teaching methods he is not dogmatic: even mixed ability teaching is judged acceptable in skilled hands. He is less

When the Prime Minister few in the Labour Party would towards flexible "setting", where a child may be in advanced classes for the subjects he is good at and slower ones for for those he finds harder.

As far as selection at entry into school is concerned, he says that parents should have more scope to choose between schools in their district, while the schools. themselves should be able to select pupils with an aptitude for whatever specialist subjects they teach. He disclaims any desire to see the disparities in quality between good and bad schools widened by these developments. No stampede of able pupils towards well-regarded schools need result, he says, so long as there is "that same parity of esteem for which the architects of the old tripartite system hoped. But of course parity was never more than a pious hope in the old system, and we know today that it is not necessarily much more in a comprehensive one. Selection of pupils by specialist aptitude is right and natural where Russian or music are concerned. But it easily shades into selection by general aptitude, which would tend to entrench that difference between grammar comprehensives and secondary modern comprehen-sives that Mr St John-Stevas clearly identifies as incompatible with the "comprehensive ideal" to which he adheres.

A GREAT PARTNERSHIP

when I married and lived happily ever afterwards". With those words Sir Winston Churchill ended that enchanting book My Early Life and did much to explain the success of bis own career. Like many men who have tempestuous lives herequired a secure domestic background to sustain and refresh him. That was what Lady. spencer-Churchill provided throughout the fifty-seven years of their marriage. In the many disappointments and reverses that interspersed the triumphs in his long years in public life he could always be sure of a contented home and warm

But while marriage was her vocation, she was not one of those wives who remain always the Red Cross Aid To Russia in the background, loving but Fund. In Sir Winston's old age largely unnoticed. She was a gracious hostess, at ease on forter. But it is when things are

public and private occasions. She was also a person of decided views and vivid personality, whose impact was not lost even in the company of such a forceful character as her husband. She lived at his side but not simply in his shadow. She contributed positively and enthusiastically to the success of his career, but without sacrificing her own opinions. She was loyal

in action, but firm with advice. The periods of her life that will be recalled most readily by the majority of people today are the war years and Sir Winston's retirement. During the Second World War she was the ideal consort to a great national leader: charming, imposing, but with her own distinctive interests as well -most especially as chairman of she was the ever-present com-

not going well that a wife's achievement is often greatest. In the earlier years of their mar-riage, when Sir Winston's career experienced as many downs as ups, she was his spirited champion, campaigning on the hustings with him-in one election instead of him, when he was out of action through illness—and never losing faith in his destiny.

That quality was particularly valuable during Sir Winston's years in the wilderness during the 1930s. It was in no small measure due to her that he emerged from that experience with his spirit toughened not broken, with his energies unimpaired and with the confidence to inspire a nation. It is for that reason above all others that this country owes a debt to a great lady of individual accomplishments whose life's work was a partnership.

Unwritten laws

family affections.

From Mr J. J. Doherty Sir, In his review of Fort Grumwick Mr Grimond hardly promotes the cause of fog dispersal with his sum-mary dismissal of "natural rights" and "natural justice". These connatural justice". These concepts, defining an order anterior to positive law, have been at the basis of reform, revolution and protest throughout the ages and are widely recognized today by peoples. if not always by governments and

On December 10, 1948, the United Nations Assembly promulgated its Universal Declaration of Human Rights, of which Article 1 begins: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights", and can anyone doubt that the Assembly was expressing a generally held consciousness of objective held consciousness of objective rights quite independently of the legal situation in any country, and by which it is possible validly to criticize any and every regime? Is

it not the same consciousness to which Sophocles refers in the e'oquent words which he puts into the mouth of Antigone in her appeal to the "unwritten laws" which are eternal and absolute and cannot be cancelled by man made edicts? Yours feithfully,

J. J. DOHERTY, 136 Colesbill Road, Birmingham. December 8.

Postal services From Mr G. V. Wolf

Sir, We often have cause to complain about the Postal service. However, the following service is surely a record in efficiency:—
On Thursday, December 1, I

posted two postcards, second-class mail, at Cross, which is a small hamlet in the most north eastern tip of the Isle of Lewis in the Hebrides. One postcard was addressed to my house, in

Cheshire and one to my office in Manchester. I returned to Manchester on the same day and to my very great surprise, these two post-cards were delivered to the respective addresses at 8 o'clock on the morning of Friday, December 2. Praise should be given where praise is due!

I do not think there can be a bigger contrast from the service menenced two weeks ago when a letter posted first-class in London (Kensington) reached this office in Manchester 10 days later. Is there an explanation for such a difference in the service?

Yours faithfully, G. V. WOLF, Chairman and Managing Director. Victor Wolf Limited, Chemical Manufacturers, Victoria Works, Croft Street, Clayton,

Manchester.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Crown Agents inquiry

From Mr Edward du Cann, MP for Taunton (Conservative)

Sir. Professor Stamo criticizes me for "extraordinary complacency in regard to the Exchequer and Audit Department". He attributes to me an attitude which I do not possess, and never have. In the very remarks of mine of which he complains (made at Question Time in the House of Commons, not in debate) I asked that Parliament give the E & AD the tools to do its job efficiently. The Professor needs to do his

The Protessor needs to do his researches better.

Of course, I have strongly defended the staff of the Exchequer and Andit Department. Who else will, if I do not? They are a most conscientious body of public servants. They work efficiently, as the reports of the Public Accounts Committee (ten in the last parliamentary session) show chearly. They deserve all the support they can get, I stadl give it to them through thick and thin.

However, I have consistently argued that it is high time to rectamine the remit given to the Comprobler and Auditor General. In speeches in the House of Commons, in the country, and at the last Conservative Party Conference; in published articles; in broadcasts; in correspondence with the Prime

published articles; in broadcasts; in correspondence with the Prime Minister (who last wrote sympathetically on the point to me last week); and in evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Procedure; I have put forward proposals for reform. Until just lately it has been a lonely business.

Since Professor Stamp seems chiefly to be concerned to improve the professional and auditing standards of the Exchequer and Audit Department may I quote my own views from a pamphlet I wrote earlier this year (which was a restarement of speeches made on the same subject over several years earlier, long before Professor Stamp claims credit for advancing his own claims credit for advancing his own

views).

* It is agreeable enough to read from time to time in the newspapers eulogistic comments on the work of the Public Accounts Committee, when its reports are published.

Pleasure in such compliments, on
my part, is short lived. I am only too conscious of the shortcomings and lack of achievement of both the

and lack of achievement of both the Public Accounts Committee and the Select Committee on Expenditure.

"The truth is that there was a time when the British system of Committee and controls was light years ahead of other countries. It certainly was in Gladstone's day, that is to say when the Public Accounts Committee was first formed. Today the picture is rather different.

Hospitals for patients From Dr. R. S. Francis and others

Sir. Hospital consultants are deeply disquieted by current trends in hospital schmistration, which seems bent on meeting its own rather than patients' needs. May we after two current examples?

1. In our own acute hospital of 982 bads the same land has character.

952 beds, the work load has sharply increased following neighbouring bospital closures, of which more are an prospect, yet we are so short of porters that operating lists have had to be modified or cancelled with the surgeon waiting in the street work that the programments and the porters' work departments and the porters' work is often done by present and decree is often done by muses and doctors.

The main reason for this is that the portering budget is described as overspent and the funding of an incantive bonus scheme has been cut, yet Redbridge & Waltham Forest Area Health Authority is now advertising two new posts of information offices which will cost about

mation officer which will cost about £10,000 pa.

2. Two days' holiday have been allocated to run concurrently with spring and August bank holidays. Thus, including Christmas and Easter there are now four periods in the year when, because there is no money to pay boliday overtime. rates, routine services are either closed or sharoly restricted for at least four days at a time—ie, X-ray, laboratory, saundry, sterile supplies department, out-patients' clinic, operating theorems esc.

Keeping libraries intact

From Canon F. Bussby Sir, It is good news that the library of John Locke is now safely in the Bodleran, due to a wealthy transactantic benefactor (letter, December 7).

December 7).

I should like to draw attention to the cathedral libraries of the country which are among the diminishing number of private libraries of this kind. Most of them represent the corporate interests of a small group of men, very often over a long period beginning (as in our own case) some 600 years before the British Library or even, in the case of the Bodleian, some centuries earlier. We even contributed manuscripts to the creation of the Bodleian and the British Library. Today our united libraries must contain tens of thousands of valuable manuscripts and books.

nanuscripts and books. In 1975 some cathedral librarians met together and formed an association for mutual encouragement and help. We meet annually at Lambeth Palace. Some of us are highly professional, others (like myself) are keen amateurs. At our last meeting in November some 30 of us were present from all over ngland, from Wells to Durbam. Our problems vary. Those with endowments or which have recently been associated with a modern university seem to have solved many of their problems. The majority, however, are libraries away from universities and with few if any endowments for library purposes. But we try to help ourselves. There is limited scope with transparencies, post cards, booklets, and the admis-sion of visitors at certain times, to make a little income to maintain and to further the service of the library.

It is vital, we believe, not only to keep the libraries intact but also to keep the abstacles much but also in situ. It is, for example in Winchester, much more significant to have the books and archives of the monastery and the cathedral which have accumulated over a thousand years within the living body of the exchedial at the present time. What carbedral at the present time. What applies to Winchester no doubt applies elsewhere. Moreover they

"Let me make just one com-parison, in the field of staffing. No doubt the examples of the ferreting work that the Public Accounts Committee does are impressive enough. Indeed I cannot praise that staff too highly. Parliament is admirably served at all levels. Yet we could, I believe, learn very much from an overseas experience.

"Of the 622 devoted staff employed by the Comptroller and Auditor General in the Exchequer

and Audit Department only nine are and Alinit Department only line are qualified with the rank of chartered accountant. The Comptroller General in the United States has a staff of a very different calibre. He employs 2,500 accountants, 500 management specialists, over 120 management specialists, over 120 mather. naturagement specialists, over 120 mathematicians, 36 engineers, 37 computer scientists, more than 170 economists (Heaven help him) and 186 other

specialists.
"Of course the financial audit is "Of course the financial audit is of very great importance. This is what we do in Britain, and do effectively. However, enquiries as to economy and efficiency and whether government departments are menaging and using resources efficiently and whether the desired results or benefits are being achieved, surely are of equal importance. These enquiries, by and large, our British Parliament does not make. In a short sentence, we are only doing a short sentence, we are only doing a part of the job we should be doing. "It is necessary to modernise the machinery.

"Matters cannot go on as they

"Matters cannot go on as they are. It is simply not good enough that the British Parliament gives to outside observers the impression of being an amiable, eccentric, old fashioned fuddy duddy assembly, unconcerned to do a practical job in the modern world, unwilling to modernise its processes."

These have been my views for years. You may think that there is little of the complacency of which Professor Stamp complains to be found in these quotations.

As I sald in a speech in Bristol last Friday, the lesson of the Crown Agents affair (with the advantage of hindsight) is not that people made mistakes who should not have, it is that Parliament has not for years exercised an adequate control over exercised an adequate control over public expenditure. Nor has Parlia-ment equipped itself with adequate tools for this purpose. To that extent Professor Stamp and I are at extent Professor Stamp and I are at one, and I am glad we are. It is a pity however he is not a more assiduous reader of your excellent newspaper which has several times published in my name the views quoted above—and discussed the matter in excellent leading articles. Yours faithfully

Yours faithfully. EDWARD DU CANN, House of Commons. December 12.

Administrators have been warned Administrators have been warned repeatedly by senior medical and nursing staff that this practice disrupts hospital timetables and endangers lives. We have pointed to an example of how a typhoid patient's diagnostic blood test result was delayed 5 days in August 1976, but pressure from ancillary workers has led the administration to reject our advice that the two extra holidays be staggered.

The nurses determination to maintain the service in the face of this policy has even led them on one occasion, to take patients' dirty linen in small lots to their local laundrette; and in the wider context there is little doubt that patients admirted to hospital during such exercised bank holiday meets. such exended bank holiday week-ends are at greater risk of morbidity and death because of the suspension of routine services, than at other

Doctors and nurses make every attempt to correct such abuses through proper channels, to little avail; we are forced to ask publicly whether the nation endorses such mismanagement of its hospital ser-We are, Yours faithfully,

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R. S. Francis, L. W. Fawcett, M. D. R.
Morris, W. J. C. Centrell, P. L.
Wright, P. H. Shorthouse, Colin
Cooper, A. Islam, A. E. Dormer,
J. D. Jeremiah, D. O. Brock, R. S.
Dawkins, K. W. G. Heathfield, I. W.
Glick, J. Adamson, M. D. E. Evans,
D. Kayton.
Whipps Cross Hospital, E11 Whipps Cross Hospital, E11,

are of increasing interest to those associated with the cathedral itself and to an ever growing body of scholars and students. In practice

we are happy hunting grounds for the ever increasing body of young people with their "projects". This is all very encouraging. Nevertheless it does bring problems. Much saxiety has been expressed over the past year about such libraries. It is more and more urgent libraries. It is more and more urgent that they should not be driven into a position where they must either be closed, or sold. A mumber of us have begun to try to help ourselves and we are grateful for the interest shewn and for the help given. More is needed. Even a stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated.

Could not research departments who make use of these libraries who make use of these libraries.

who make use of these libraries exercise an imaginative stretch of consideration and help libraries like these to help them. Some already do so and again we are grateful. But there are still those who think that being part of the national inheritance" somehow meets the inevitable bills, heating costs and wages that even carbedrals must pay. This is not so. There is room and need for much more help.

Yours faithfully. FREDERICK BUSSBY, Librarian, The Cathedral Library,

From the same school From the Bishop of Norwich

Sir, As The Times is a newspaper of record, your announcement that the Bishop of Guildford has now taken his seat in the House of Lords. prompts a question, following the Bishop of Truco's entrance last

Have three bishoos from the same school ever sat on the Bench at the same time? The Bishops of Truro, Guildford and Norwich were all educated at Monkton Combe School, Bath. Yours inquiringly. MAURICE NORVIC:

Absenteeism in the House

From Mr Timothy Raison, MP for Aylesbury (Conservative) Sir, I don't altogether dissent from the criticisms in your leader, "Absenteeism in the House" (December 9), of the way in which the House of Commons has been handling the Scotland Bill. Whatever the reasons, attendances have been sadly low, and supporters of the Bill have been conspicuously absent. (Perhaps one reason is that many who voted for the Bill on the Government side do not in reality support it.)

I do not, however, believe that you have really understood the full impact of the guillotine. You say, quite rightly, that "the prospect of the referendum does not therefore reduce by one jot the responsibility of members to scrutinize this measure clause by clause". Nor does it: but the guillotine makes the utterly impossible this utterly impossible.

this utterly impossible.

Let me gitt an example of what happens. On Wednesday, December 7—the day when you took your attendance figures—I moved very briefly at about 7.30 pm a rather narrow amendment designed to elucidate the powers to issue guidelines to the Scottish Development Agency which the Government propose to retain. The debate swelled out into a wide ranging propose to retain, the debate swelled out into a wide ranging debate about the Scottish economy, with lengthy contributions from a Labour MP, the ex-Labour Mr Sillars, and a Scottish Nationalist. This debate took up the whole of the period (up till 10 pm) allocated for these clauses; and as a result for three clauses; and as a result the vitally important clause 40— on which the Government was in fact defeated in the vote-was never debated at all. This is the clause which would have made it perfectly possible for the Scottish Assembly to take a quite different

line over incomes to that of the

Westminster government—to pay the firemen 15 per cent for example, at a time when the national policy is to abide by a firm 10 per cent.

This crucial issue—which the press incidentally seem to have overlooked—was only one of a number

of major points which have escaped proper examination. This surely proves conclusively the theory that if you guillotine Bills the start was not and a conclusively and at the start you get an orderly and systematic treatment of them, is untenable. What you get is an artificiality which inevitably prolongs some debates, just as it wipes Nevertheless, I do not accept

that the critics are not offering relentless opposition, and I doubt if the ministers concerned would either. We may not have been speaking to packed Benches, but we have both in the last session we have—both in the last session and this one—brought forward as well as we are able a range of important points—some broad, some detailed—which the press has overlooked, at least we have brought them up. Indeed, the press overall (though, to be fair, not you) has contributed strongly as the important part of the press. to the impression that devolution is a great bore.

a great bore.

Nor do the critics of the Bill believe that the argument in the Chamber no longer matters. If there is to be a referendum, it is preparing the ground for it. But must we really assume that members will not vote according to their convictions on third reading, just as they did on the guillotine in the last session?

Yours faithfully,

TIMOTHY RAISON, House of Commons. December 9.

Attack on National Front

From the General Secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain Sir, By exposing the National Front Sir, By exposing the National Front as it did in its recent party political broadcast, the Labour Party has rendered immensely valuable service to all progressive people and to Britain. The fact that it acted in this way will bring great credit to the Labour Party in the days ahead, especially as it so sharply contrasts with the virtual silence of the Tory Party on this viral question. vital question.

Can I, while writing to express this view on the broadcast, take the opportunity to draw attention to enother contrast which I feel was strikingly revealed by your editorial (December 9)?

Communists and the Communist misrepresented on television. I cannot recall, in recent years, The Times editorially appealing for the Communist Party to have television time to explain its policies and programme in order to rebut this ever growing volume of lanti-communist propaganda. Yet when there is one broadcast on the National Front. about which your editorial says there can be no complaint about the broad character of the attack that was made ", you demand "They should have the right to reply ". And even in this editorial advocating "equiable treatment" for the National Front as a "demonstration of the vitality of our democracy" you manage to find the possibility of misrepresenting and attacking the Communist Party, by saying "if one were to ben parties because they were totalization in their objectives then plainly the Com-munist Party would have to be

The draft programme of our Party, The British Road to Socialism, overwhelmingly endorsed at the 35th Congress of the Communist Party held in London in Movember, makes clear that the socialist Britain we aim for envisages "freedom for all democratic political parties, including those hostile to socialism," to operate, genuine freedom of the press, independence of the trade

unions, and the consolidation and extension of civil liberties won through centuries of struggle.". Incidentally, the report of our Congress in your columns on Tucsday, November 13, was headed "Communists vote for plurality of Parties" Parties ".

Yours sincerely, GORDON McLENNAN, General Secretary. Communist Parry of Great Britain, 16 King Street, WC2.

From Mr Russell Projitt

Sir, As someone who, as an alderman in Lewisham, was involved in the political arguments at the time of the violent National Front march last August, and also an immigrant from Guyana, I wish to disagree with your leading article on the Labour Party broadcast (December 9).

As I see it, there are three ways of combating racialism. The first is to return to fighting in the streets. The second is to engage in a vigorous and sustained public debate to expose the evils of the National Front. The third is to spend more money removing the inner city squalor that breeds racialism.

first alternative have a duty to sup-Those who, like mo, reject the Party broadcast helped this debute in two ways. First, because its solient points were repeated in news broadcasts the following duy. Secondly, because it tells us what must now he said time and time again; the National Front will not just disappear if we ignore them. We ignore them at the risk of jeopardizing our democratic institu-

I have a strong feeling that the boot which is apparently all too ready to crush the face of the black today will be the same boot that will crush others romorrow.

Stand up, speak up, and stop them now. Tomorrow will be too late. Yours faithfully,

M. R. PROFITT, Prospective Parliamentary Candidate, City of London and Westminster South Labour Party. 12 Duncrievie Road, SE13. December 11.

Public lending right

From the Secretary-General of the Arts Council of Great Britain

Sir, Your brief report, in later editions of The Times, of the Arus Council's deliberations on PLR has caused a great deal of misunderstanding among our friends in the literary world. May I, therefore, put the record straight? the record straight?

The council decided to defer consideration of a non-statutory public lending right scheme for two reasons. First, because it feels unable to

consider a large new commitment before it knows the size of its grant-in-aid for the coming financial year, and the consequences for its existing chents.

Second, it believes that a nonstatutory scheme would be very much a second-best, and it hopes the Government may yet set up a statutory scheme. A proposed pri-vate member's Bill provides an opportunity for Parliament to reconsider public lending right, and the council hopes that time might

be found for it. Finally, I should emphasize that the council's belief in the urgent necessity for a PLR scheme is undiminished, and it shares the dismay of writers that its intro-duction has been so long delayed.

Yours sincerely, ROY SHAW, Secretary-General, The Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, W1. December 2,

The Lord's Prayer

From Miss Caroline Crossland Sir, You have published a lot of

letters about the revision of the Lord's Prayer, but I do not think any of them have been from young people, for whom the new words are meant. I am thirteen and like the old words best. Whenever we say the Lord's Prayer at school we use the old words, and in fact I have never heard the new words anywhere other than at a Series III

Holy Communion. I am told that one of the reasons for changing the services is so that the different denominations can use words which are similar. I do not know about the Nonconformists, but the Roman Catholics still use the proper Lord's Prayer. I don't think young people really like things changed all the time, and it is rather insulting to treat us as though we were too stupid to under stand words which seem difficult. Yours faithfully,

CAROLINE CROSSLAND, 15 Vicars' Close, Wells, Somerser

Heavy breathing From Communder C. P. R. Belton

Sir, Looking for an Admiral, Sir Frank (The Times, December 91? Well, as you walk up sedutely to the sixth floor with the Generals and Air Marshals, that figure sprinting past you two steps at a time carrying a pair of heavy brief-cases is probably the First Sea Lord who daily tramples on us unfig fourth floor Desk Officers on his way up to the sixth. We have the honour to be, Sir, your

obedient servants, C. P. R. BELTON,

H. L. FOXWORTHY,

T. E. WOODS. P. R. LLOYD.

December 9.

Directorate of Naval Operational Requirements, Ministry of Defence, Main Building, Whitehall, SW1.

From Vice-Admiral Sir David Clutterbuck

Sir. If Frank Cooper's search is not confined to serving Admirals I will gladly run up to the sixth floor with him. The MOD might like to offer a prize, a box of cigars perhaps.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully, DAVID CLUTTERBUCK, Vice-Admiral, The Business Graduates Association,

87 Jermyn Street, SW1.

Science report Batteries: Modelling the future

A pair of satellites recently launched from Cape Canaveral times are required which avoid should considerably increase our these difficulties, and that means knowledge of the magnetic field careful attention to the heat-Surrounding the earth, One of the transfer properties of the battery satellites, built by the European design. Previously a trial and Space Agency, contains a small error approach has been used, a battery which represents a techni- procedure that is time-consuming Call advance of a strictly down-to- and inefficient. Now the heat earth variety. For the first time transfer properties can be calcuin Europe the stringent specifications on the operation of a spacecraft battery have been met by direct calculation rather than by a tedious process of trial and error. The ability to do such Calculations is a crucial factor in development of bartery

power from solar cells, but they also need batteries to provide electricity during eclipses and periods of peak demand. A batterv in a satellite has be be extremely reliable and must last for a long time; that implies that the temperature difference between the cells of the battery within certain limits. High temmences; clouds of vapour and smoke can be given off, and is clearly undesirable. It uld be disastrous in a satellite, and would not inspire confidence in battery-driven vehicles.

Reliable batteries with long lifelated using a simple model of the cell and its environment, thermodynamics and a well established technique called network analysis.

The procedure is described by Dr P. Montalenti, of the European Dr P. Montalenti, of the European Space Agency': laboratory, Estec, in The Netherlands, and Dr P. Strangerup, of Elektronikcentralen, in Denmark. They have set up a computer model for a small nickel-radmium battery used in spacecraft and calculated the performance of trut battery using minor modifications of existing standard computer programs. standard computer programs. Measurements on a real battery verified the results of their calcu-

The rechnique seems therefore apacerraft and for electric vehicles.
The behaviour of the battery in orbit at present has been predicted by this technique; a multimillion pound satellite mission is relying

Sources Journal of Power Source, December (vol 2, p 147; 1977). ONature-Times News Service, 1977.

choirs change the

It spite of a picthors of less demanding amusements the great choirs of Wales survive. Chapel and pits, once the pivotal centre and pits, once the pivotal centre of mass music, may close but the choris remain a phenomenon of the industrial solth. Cytics who forecast that the choirs would decline in proportion to the availability of television in the valleys and industrial courses have been forced to reassess their opinions. But while the great male voice choirs of up to 140 members retain their prestige, there is a growing feeling that they are too

retain their presuge, there is a growing feeling that they are too steady and too safe.

Increasingly in the country there is a greater emphasis on the smaller mixed choirs who forsake "two Rhondda" for Bach, Beethoven and Brahms.

Next month Cardiff Polyphonic Choir and the Philharmonia Orchestra will combine with the Via Nova Choir, Munich, and guest artists to stage one of the most ambitious concerts ever performed in Wales, Haydn's The Creation.

formed in Wales, Haydn's The Creation.

It will be the first of six concerts coproduced by HTV Wales in the 1978 Cardiff Festival of Choirs. The Creation will be staged at St David's Cathedral in spite of fears by the organizers that its acoustics and seating capacity do not match its architectural splendour.

The difficulties involved in the production brought renewed pleas

The difficulties involved in the production brought renewed pleas yesterday from Mr Aled Vaughan, director of programmes for Wales, for the building of a purpose-built concert hall in the capital city.

Small Welsh Surrender document makes £3,100

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent
A copy of the final draft of the
instrument of surrender of the
German Armed Forces to Field
Marshal Montgomery, drawn up
on May 4, 1945, was sold at
Sotheby's yesterday for 23,100
(estimate £800 to £1,000). The
huver was Mr. Donald Wilson, a

buver was Mr. Donald Wilson, a British private collector.

The draft is typewritten on paper headed with the royal arms and bears pencil emendations in Montgomery's hand. The final document, signed in Montgomery's caratin at Lineburg Heath, now in the Imperial War Museum, bears the same manuscript emen-dations. No other drafts of the document are known.

dations. No other drafts of the document are known.

It was sold with a group of other souvenirs of the surrender, including a pencil plan of the searing at the signing, identified as having been written by Admiral ron Friedenburg. Doeniz's emissive, on the day before his suicide. The sale was devoted to manuscript material and documents totalling £56.5%, with 6 per cent unsold. The top price of £6.400 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) was for a vast archive of papers dating from the fifteenth to seventeenth century relating to the Ferrers family, of Tamworth Castle.

The London Museum acquired The London Museum acquired

The London Museum acquired a group of papers of the eighteenth and inneteenth centuries relating to Newgate jail, including letters written by condemned prisoners. The price was 5350 (estimate 5300 to 5400).

The States of Guerrasey acquired three lots of papers relating to the history of the Channel Islands for a total of 550, and the public archives of Carada made similar purchases totaling E840. The Institute of Chartered Accountants spent 5530 (estimate 5180 to 5250) on the account



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of the draft of the instrument of surrender.

buok kept by a West Country draper between 1654 and 1667. ceramics and works of art vesceramics and works of art yesterday contained a rare group of
six familie verte plates traditionally held to have been made
for the sixtleth birthday of the
Emperor K'ang Hsi in 1713. They
are of ourstanding quality, each
differently decorated with simple
but acressing bird and figure
desians usually associated with
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The prices emphasized the importance of condition. The top price was £10,500 (estimate £5,000 to £10,000) for a plane inperfect condition decorated with a cicada and an insect emerging from a chrysalis on a flowering and fruiting cherry branch. The lowest was £2,400 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) for a bird-decorated plate, chiphed with a ½-inch crack.

The sale made £221,724, with The sale made £221,724, with 20 per cent unsold. The star lot failed to find a buyer. It was a sixth-to-seventh-century git-bronze figure of Avaloktesvara, bought in at £16,000 (estimate £15,000 to

£20,000). The top price of £15,000 (estimate £17,000 to £22,000) was paid by Eskenazi for a large famille rose saucer dish finely painted with blossoming branches

in Chinese taste.

Sotheby's also sold oriental ceramics including a collection of Chinese, Korean and Thai items belonging to Warren E. Cox Associates. The sale roralled 34,873, with 11 per cent unsold. A second sale devoted to Nepalese,

A second sale devoted to Nepalese, Tibetan, Indian and South-east Asian art made £74,728, with 37 per cent unsold.

Bronze and gilt-bronze devotional figures proved difficult to sell, but a Nepalese gilt-copper figure of Gautama Buddha daring from about 1400 was sold at £5,500 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

A sale of carpets and items of Islamic interest held by Sotheby Parke Bernet in New York on Saturday made £658,660, with 26 lots unsold.

The sale of the contents of 22 Kensington Palace Gardens, held by Christie's yesterday on behalf of the family of the Duchess of Marchesa, realized £109,460, with 3 per cent ansold.

Law Report December 12 1977 Court of Appeal

Emigration to Rhodesia: ban breached after public advertisement

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Mr Justice Park

Bruce and Mr Justice Park

The prohibition against soliciting or encouraging "members of the public generally "to emigrate to Southern Rhodesia is breached by a person who inserts advertisements in newspapers for persons wanted for overseas and whit, on interviewing a selected applicant, enables him to enter into contracts to be served in Southern Rhodesia—even though the advertiser is charged on a count relating to the individual applicant.

The Court of Appeal, giving an opinion on a reference by the Attorner General under setting 26 of the Criminal Justice Art, 1972.

answered yes to the fluction whether article 14(1)(b) of the answered yes to the fluction of the Southern Rhodesia (United Nations Sanctions) (No 2) Order. 1968 (SI 1968 No 1020) is contravened where the defendant ... does any act calculated to solicit or encourage a person it take up employment or residench in Southern Rhodesia, where such solicitation or encouragement its directed to such person as a member of the public generally ... no person shall—(a) publish ... any advertisement ... soliciting or encouraging other persons to take up employment or, residence in Southern Rhodesia : or (b) do any other act calculated to solicit or encourage members of the public generally or members of any particular class of the public to take up such employment or residence ...

Mr David Tudor Price for the Attorney General . Mr I Lorde

Mr David Tudor Price for the Attorney General; Mr J. Llovd-Eley, QC, and Mr Brian Warner for an unmamed man, who

for an immened man, who was acquirted at trist.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that article 14, which had been described as a Draconian provision, was designed to prevent the assistance or encouragement of emigration to Southern Rhodesia.

The man placed in various newspapers advertisements reading "Wanted men/women £150 pw. Fit overteas " and giving an address to which to write for further details. Many people wrote, and arrangements were then made for appointments at an hotel. After the meetings the man sent application forms or made other arrangements for a contract under which the named applicant would go to Southern Rhodesia.

The fodictment contained 10/counts, each assing one of the persons interviewed. The form of each fount was to name the purposed man and charge him

Attorney General's Reference 1976, and April 27, 1976, did an (No 2 of 1977) age a member of the public who was named to take up residence or employment in Southern Rho-

During the trial objection was taken to the charges. Its substance was that the offence under article 14(1)(b) related to memwhich was not enough to amount to the offence.

The Crown's answer was to rely on the Interpretation Act. 1839, by virtue of which the plural could include the singular, so that the tidual was cured.

The trial judge was unable to accept the Crown's argument. His ground was that translation of plural to singular depended on the

the senuence of words by a trifle, it would make sense at once. "I member of the public generally", in their Lordships' estimation, was exactly the same as "a member of the general public". There was, therefore, no difficulty about applying article 14(1)(b) to the situation.

situation.

The trial judge went on in say "The context is such that it is impossible as I say to read thi as in the alternative "a member of the public generally". Had the word "generally" not been there the arguments adduced by Ithe Crown! would have been sound the conclusion, therefore, that these counts do not disclose an offence within that amarently inoffence within that apparently in-tended to be an offence under article 14(1)(b), and in those cir-chinetences this submission suc-

Their Lordships' view was that the men were initially contacted by the unnamed person account as persons interviewed. The form of each count was to name the innumed man and charge him (of the public generally—which was the clear object of serticle 14(1). For those reasons the Attorney section 2 of the Southern Rhodesia General's question was to he any perfeculars given were that the, for a day between March 20, & Co.

Withdrawal date for new tenancy applications

The Court of Appeal held that on an application by tenants by way of an originating summons in the Chancery Division of the High Court for leave to withdraw their application for the grant of a new business tenancy, the "date of the stitute and " referred to in section.

the indee emined leave the orect date should be fully.

On October 20, 1976, Mr. Hustice

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It turned on the construction of the particular language of the order. In the case of a tenant applying for a new lease who had

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The Silk Cut range: All tobacco: Green 44p. Blue 47p. Red 51p. King Size 55p. International 62p. With 25% tobacco substitute: Blue 47p. King Size 55p or with 40% tobacco substitute: Ultra Mild 55p. Recommended prices at 8th Dec.

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Forthcoming

marriages Mr G. H. Whittome and Mrs B. K. Cornwall-Legh

and Mrs B. K. Cornwall-Legh
The engagement is announced
between Giles, son of the late
Sir Marrice Wintrome and of
Lady Whittome, of Staynes Hill,
Sussex, and Barbara, daughter of
the late E. H. S. Cornwall-Legh,
and of Mrs Oiga Cornwall-Legh,
of High Legh, Cheshire.

Mr M. C. Dickinson
and Miss B. A. Fraser.
The engagement is announced

The engagement is aumounced between Mark Chaytor, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dickin-

son, of Newton Stocksfield, Northumberland, and Evelyn Amanda eldest daughter of Air

Amanda, eigest daugener of Air Commodore and Mrs Anthony Frisen, of Crakeball, Bedale, North Yorkshire. Mr N. P. Hoskin and Miss J. M. Paul

Mr J. D. Lass and Miss R. S. Oppenheim

Luncheons

Canning House

Canning House
Lord, Chalfont, Bresident of the
Hisparic and Luso Brazilian
Coracit, and Lady Chalfont, gave
a luncheon at Canning House
yesterday to say farewell to the
Peruvian Ambatsador and
Senora de Montagne. Other
guests included the chalrman of
the executive computate and Mrs
J. Flynn, the director general and
Mrs S. Mackenzie, Mr and Mrs R. D. C.
McAlpine and Mr and Mrs R. D. C.
McAlpine and Mr and Mrs G.
Huntrods.

Museum closures

Harrow School

Latest wills

Church news Church in Wales

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 12: The President of the French Republic visited The Queen at Windson Castle and KENSINGTON PALACE:

December 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester presented a portrait in bronze of Prince William to the Aircraft Owners and Prices Association at the Aeronsurical Society, Hamilton Piace, London, this evening.

Miss Jean Marweil-Scott and Lieuteneus-Colonel Simon Bland were in attendance. The engagement is announced and Miss P. S. Williams between Niell, son of Mr and Mrs The engagement is announced posset, and Judith, daughter of Dr and Mrs J. P. Paul, of Winforton, Rerefordshire.

The Duchess of Kent is to become Patron of the National Association of Decorative and Rive Aris Societies. NADFAS is an association concerned in stimulating interest in the visual arts and giving and to the conservation of the conservation of the conservation of and Miss R. S. Oppenheim
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan Dadiel, younger
son of Mr and Mrs Jack Lass, of
he Manor House Drive, London,
NW6, and Rosemary Simone,
Gaughter of Mr and Mrs Harold
Oppenheim, of Strotey Ware, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Royal Ascot

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The Royai Meeting at Ascot will
take place on June 20, 21, 22 and
23. Applications for admission to
the Royai Ascot Enclosure should
be made to her Majesty's Representative, Ascot Office, St James's
Palace, London, SWI, between
lammay 1 and April 30. Applicauss should apply only for memhers of their families, stating
their full unmes and their ages
if they are of 16 to 25 years
of age, children under 16 are not
admitted except on Friday, when
adults with badges may bring
children of 10 to 15 years, for
whom no prior application need
be made.

New amplicative will be seen Lady Mayoress
The Lord Mayor and the Lady
Mayoress entermined the following guests at junction at the
Manson House yesterday:
Beroaces Febbrul, Lord Strate, Canons
and Mar L. J. Louins, In chatman
of the Customs and Excise and Mars
of the County and Excise and Mars
of the County and Excise and Mars
of the Lowelock, Mr Alderman and
Sherik and Mrs Michael Hinton, he
Deputy Massur and Compinition of the
Royal Mim and Mrs J. R. Christie,
the Town Clark and Mrs S. J. Glayton,
Anthority and Mrs John Reid,
and Mr and Mrs John Reid,
and Mr and Mrs John Reid,

New applicants will be sent a form to have signed by a sponsor whose name is already on the royal enclosure list. Visitors from overseas should apply to their ambassador or high commissioner. In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with hats, and gentlemen morning dress or Service dress.

Birthdays today

LOTA ALEXANDER OF POTERINE, 72; this Hon Sir George Bellew, 78; that Hon Sir George Bellew, 78; that George Byann Shaw, 73; Sir John Dean, 78; Sir Ewelyn Hone, 66; Professor W. H. McCres, 73; Mr John Piper, 74; Sir John Pope-Hennessy, 64.

The Natural History Museum, South Kensington, will be closed from December 24 to December 27, inclusive, and on January 1. Today's engagements

The Prince of Wales attends dinner in aid of the Queen's Silver Jubiles Appeal Fund and Entertainment Artistes' Benevolent Fund, Becantric Club, St. James's, 7.15.
Princess Margaret attends Variety Club of Great Britand Christmas luncheon, Savoy Hotel and as President of Invalid Children's. Aid Association accepts cheque Aid Association accepts cheque for Dawn House School, 12:30. The Duke of Gloucester stiends reception given by Scientific Exploration Society, Athenaeum Hotel, Piccadilly, 12:30.

Monarchist League

The Marquess of Bristol, Chan-cellor of the Monarchier League, with the grand council and the council of honour wishes all a happy Christmas. The annual royal dinner will take place at the Savoy Hotel on Friday, April 14, 1978. There will be stare trumpet-ers, a military band and guards iby courtesy of the Leadon of iby couriesy of the Legion of Frontiersmen). Evening or national dress with decorations will be word. Tickets at £30 each, including champagne reception and drinks etc. are obtainable from the Secretary-General. Brigadier-General J. E. Craik of Assington (the lord of the honour of Assington), 201 Fulham Palace Road, London, W6.

Media award

Anatol Goldberg with the annual Vallant for Truth", 1977 Media Award, made by the Order of Christian Unity, at the Press Club yesterday evening. The Marchioness of Lothian-chairman of the award committee presided chloness of Lothies chairman of the award committee, presided, and Mr Oliver Whitley also spoke. Among those present were:
Lord Barneson Baroness Pike Lady Dickson Mahon MP Bir Bernard Westmissen MP Bir Bernard House Mr Westmissen Peep Bernard House Mr Westmissen, Jodes Rowfand, Mr Mr J. Hassey, Mrs Christopher Culic, Mr David Giencress, Miss Renoe Goddarf, Mr Gordon Heald, Mrsa William Mr Gordon Mr Guthrie Mohr Alexander Lieven, Mr Guthrie Mohr Alexander Lieven, Mr Guthrie Mohr Alexander Lieven, Mr Guthrie Mohr Ross McWhirter Miss Shriks Scott. Mrs Ross McWhirter Miss Shriks Scott. Mr Greek, Mr Philip Wrack, Mr Philip Wrack, Mr Philip Wrack, Mr Brillip Wrack, Mr Brilli

University news

Cambridge Professor Sir Nevill Mott, FRS, Nobel Laureate in Physics, and Dr C. M. P. Johnson, senior bursar, St John's College, Cambridge, have been elected into honorary fellowships at Darwin College.

The Celtic department has received a bequest of more than a thousand books and papers from the estate of Professor Calum I. N. MacLeod, head of Celtic studies at St Francis Varier University, Nova Scotia.

To the front. Of General Eisenhower's visit to Korea the President said that when a similar trip was suggested to him during the election campaign he turned it down, as it seemed to him that it would serve no useful purpose and would be nothing but would serve no useful purpose and would be nothing but demagoguery—and that, he added, was what it turned out to be. At this point Mr Roger Tubby, the added, was what it turned out to be. At this point Mr Roger Tubby, the acting White House press secretary, interrupted the President and suggested in an undertone that some good might come from the President-elect's trip. The President-elect's trip.

Appointments

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Evans, MS. Calls (Livel), Courter and diagnosis. D. J. Chadwick, BSc. MA. Lecturers: D. J. Chadwick, BSc. MA. C. Shu, S. G. P. 19 (1908), 2001-0109; G. Lamolpoh, MS. Ch8 (Livel), clinical anaestheria; M. F. Ramodan.

The Duke of Kent strands annual dinner of Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Grosvenor House, 7.30.
Lucch-hour-dialogue: Miss. Joyce Grenfell with the Rev Joseph McCulloch. Sr. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 1.05.
Silver Jubiec Christmest calebration, directed by Ism Hell, including Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Sussionen York, Jaher Somman, Annette Crosbie, Virginia McKenna, Lord Herlech, Elizabeth Harwood, Simon Ward, Frank Mulr, proceeds to charity, St. Peter's Eason Square, 7.30. A sketchbook by Thomas Girth; the English: watercolourist, has been saved for the nation through an appeal by the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester, where it will be displayed early maxt year (our Arts Reporter wates). It was bought for the Yale Centre for British Art at a Sothaby's sale in July, but an export licence was withbeld until tomorrow. In the meantime, the Whitworth Gallery raised £41,400 for the aketchbook. The winter term at Harrow endatoday. The Cock House match was
won by West Acre (Mr D. J.
Parry), who bear Rendells (Mr.
A. A. Bishop) by 19 points to 4.
The Torpids final was won by
Elmfield (Mr M. W. Pelithorpe),
who beet the Head Master's by
12 points to 7. Next term begins
on Jeanary 10. Royal College of: Surgeons of England The Royal College of Surgeons of England has appointed Mr G. Qvist Hunterian Ocator, 1979; Mr J. C. Coltener is to be Bradshaw Lacturer, 1978; Mr A. G. Apley. Dr A. H. T. Robb Smith, Thomas Vicany Lecturer, 1978. The Sir-Arthur Keith, Medal has been awarded to Dr David Haier.

Latest wikis
Latest estates include (net before ax paid; tax nor disclosed):
Beambont; Mr Harold Cameron, of Leeds, optician £210,811
Fairrie, Mr Phyllis Bowen, of Horsham £121,566
Gutwein, Mr Ernest David, of St John's Wood, London £116,617
Mitchell, Mrs Frances Hilary, of Sunningdale £110,025
Sangster, Mr John Young, of South Kensington, London, former chairman of SSA £593,962
Short, Evelyn Mary, of Brockenhurst £127,983
Tierney, Mrs Dors Phyllis, of Oddham Latest appointments Lartest appointments include:
Captain A. P. Comrie, aged 53,
Director of Weapons Coordinastry of Defence, to be promoted
rear-admiral on January 7 and to
be Deputy Controller Aircraft B
in the Procurement Executive,
Ministry of Defence, is succession to Rear-Admiray D. G. Iltford. forc.

Dr Raymond Rickert, Director of Middlesex Polynchnic, to be president of Unesco's Committee of the European Centre for Higher Education, Bucharest, for one

Jubilee gifts exhibition The Queen's jubilee gifts exhibi-tion at St James's Palace has been extended to January 15. The collection of more than 800 gifts will close on Christmas Eve and reopen on December 28.

Aberdeen
A gift by Mr Charles Cockburn,
past president of the Scottish
Ophthalmological Club, has enabled thte university to establish
a chair of ophthalmology, to be
called the Cockburn chair. Newrastie
Grants totalling £50,414 have been
made by the Wellcome Trust, the
North of England Campaign for
Cancer Research and the Medical
Research Council for research into
thyroid-stimulating antihodies in
Graves' disease and thyroid cancer,
under Dr Bernard Rees Smith and
Professor Reginald Ball.
Other grants include;
£50,000 from welcome Trust for two
years. for research into association of
hizophysina with HLA and other histocompatible authens, under Dr D. F.
Robertin.

Professor J. A. Campbell, MSc (Adel), MA (Camab), SM (MIT), DPhil (Oxon), of the department of mathematics, Newcastle University, New South Wales, has been appointed to the chair of computer science and to be head of the new department of computer science to be established in October, 1978.

The honorary degree of DLitt has heen conferred on the Rev B. Arthur Shaw, President of the Methodist Conference. Piratinghon
Dr R. M. Browne, BSc, DDS,
PhD, consultant to the West Midlands Regional Health Authority,
has been appointed to a singletenure chair of oral pathology.

dent then relayed Mr Tubby's words to the correspondents, adding that he too hoped some good might materialize; if t did, he would be the happiest man in the world. Reminded by a correspondent that General Eisenhower had said that there was no trick solution to the Korean conflict, the President replied that this was precisely what he (Mr Truman) had told the American people during the election campaign, and that General Eisenhower was quoting him, though no doubt unintentionally.

OBITUARY

Mr N. D. Bowle and Miss N. M. Bouller

and Miss F. E. Glichrist

Mr J. H. James and Mrs M. C. Brogan

Mr C. R. Tailby and Miss M. E. Vella

Dinners .

Prime Minister

The engagement is announced between John James, of Hailey Manor, Hailey, Oxfordshire, and Mary Brogan, of The Cottage, Fifield, Oxford.

The engagement is amounced between John, son of the late Mr J. C. Rossiter's and Mrs A. M. Rossiter, of Cuffley, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. E.

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Pro-fessor and Mrs S. R. Tailby, of Godalming, and Mora, daughter of Colonel and Mrs E. E. Vella, of Porton Down.

The Prime Minister was host at a dinner at Chequers yesterday evening in honour of M Valery Giscard d'Estaing, President of the French Republic. Other guests

WETE:

M Raymond Barre, M Louis de Guirbpand, M Yvon Bourgs, M René Monory,
M Josh-Francois Denlau, Mr Denis
Hoaley, MP: Dr David Owen, MP Mr
Fred Mulley, MD, 44r Edmund Dall,
MP, and Mr Alen Wffiland, MP.

Sir Graham and Lady Rowlandson gave a dinner party at 18 Grosvenor Square last night in honour of the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Rydbeck. Those present included:

The Ambassador of Korsa and Mmr Fancing Walor General Vaccium and Valor General Vaccium and Lord The Lord Concilor of Fronchier, Lord Thurlow, go Een Mrs Successor Skyrms and Mr W. Axebrod,

The Archbishop of Centerbury presided at the annual dinner of the Old Merchant Taylor's Society, held at Merchant Taylor's Hall yesterday evening. The guests included:

The Master of the Merchant Taylor's Company, the Rechaster of Merchant Taylors, Taylors's School, the President of the Old Crosselans, Mr H. Eder and Mr B, Rees.

Sketches saved

for nation

Old Merchant Taylors Society

and Miss N. M. Boulter
The engagement is autoomiced
between Nigel David, son of Mr
and Mrs D. A. Bowie, of Daviges,
Wiltshire, and Naomi Mary,
daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H.
Boulter, of Bournemouth, Dorsot.

Mr N. H. R. Gilbert-Harris "

LADY SPENCER-CHURCHILL

Life devoted to the career of a great statesman

Lady Spencer-Churchill, GBE, widow of Sir Winston Churchill, died yesterday at the age of 92.

and Miss F. E. Glichrist
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, younger son of the
late Mr W. N. Gilbert-Harris and
Mrs. P. E. Gilbert-Harris, of The
Leas, Santa Maria, Malia, and
Elisabeth, daughter of Mr and
Mrs R. I. Glichrist, of Manley
Courage, Manley; Cheshire. Clementine Hozier was born on April 1, 1885, the second of the daughters of Sir Henry and Lady Blanche Hozier. Her father, a brilliant, difficult and, to his daughter, romantic figure, whom she saw but rarely in her childhood, had parted from Lady Blanche in Clementine's early years. The children were therefore brought up by Lady Blanche, the beautiful but wayward daughter of that Earl of Airlie whose wildness was a matter of some notoriety in those staid, late Victorian days, and whose penury imposed con-siderable restrictions on her children. They knew no luxury and lived for long periods at Dieppe in order to economize.

Whatever Lady Blanche's financial circumstances, she did not neglect her children's education, and by the time Clementine grew up she was well read in her own language and fluent in both French and German. She had, moreover, a very decided personality and a pronounced idea of what was right. Her judgment of people was sometimes a little too pronounced, because she tended towards perfectionism; but her judgment of events, and in particular her political judgment, was shrewd and often of considerable influence in the years to come. Dieppe in order to economize.

considerable influence in the years to come.

Clementine Hozier's aftergence in society during the early years of King Edward VIT's reign created an immediate impression. Lady Blanche could not entertain for her on a lavish scale, but she did her best and she had many friends. The impression, however, was due to her outstanding beauty. Since this was combined with gaiety and intelligence her admirers were legion and eligible suitors by no means lacking. A very eligible one cornered her in the maze at Hampton Court so that she could not escape his proposal. She nevertheless declined it. When, in 1908, she became engaged to the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Winston Churchill, the news years to come, Winston Churchill, the news was not universally welcomed, since there were many in those days to whom this rising polin-ical star did not commend himself. Indeed, one or two of her friends, whom she never en-tirely forgave, warned her

tirely, whom here they tirely forgave, warned her against the match. More than 50 years of married happiness are an aloquent verdict on their misjudgment.

Married to a mercurial husband, who became a legend in his own lifetime, hers was not the easiest of paths to tread, publicly or privately. Winston Churchill summarized the fuilness and depth of their bissful married life in the last seven words of his first autobiography My Early Life: "I married and lived happily ever afterwards." She was seddom to be found far from Winston's side. At the hustings, at conferences, at social engagements, she was there with an affectionate and cheerful though possibly at misjudgment. cheerful though possibly

was out or away for the day, Winston "roumed the house inconsolable". inconsolable."

Devoting herself to all manner of good causes, she still managed to find time to hear her husband rehearse all his big wartima speeches. She rarely missed being present in the House of Commons when he delivered them. Often after one of the great public orations, Churchill would turn to his wife and ask, "Was that all right?"

A main concern of hers was

right?"

A main concern of hers was that her husband abould not be overworked. Once, when discussing how she looked after him, she said, "First and foremost you must feed him well. You must give him a good dinner. It is a very important icem in his dealy routine."

When she returned in 1947 to her old school, Berkhamsted School for Girls, to present prizes, she gave the girls "one or two safe wrinkles gleaned from a long life. "If you find yourselves in competition with

from a long life. "If you find yourselves in competition with men", she said, "never become aggressive in your rivalry. She who forces her point of view may well lose her advantage. You will gain far more by quietly helding to your convictions. But even this must be done with art, and above all, with humour."

Clementine Churchill went first to No 10 Downing Street as hostess when her husband shouldered the gigantic burden of leadership of Britain in the Second World War. She took with her years of experience as a hostess. with her years of experience as a hostess: a serene charm, a witty tongue and cool courage—courage which enabled her to remark to a friend when bombs were falling: "I have made up my mind to ignore this completely". She showed herself a talented organizer and administrator. For although she snood in the shadow of a great man, she had in fact her own stature, her own public life. During the Second public life. During the Second World War Lady Churchill raised nearly £8m for her Red Cross Aid to Russia Fund, and went to Russia to be very warmly thanked. In 1945 in Moscow she was presented with a gold backe in recognition of her work. The Supreme Soviet awarded her the Order of the Maisky, Russia's wartime Ambassador to Britain, in his memoirs recalls that Churchill told him his wife had become
"completely sovietized" while
organizing medical aid to
Russia. Lady Churchill was in
Moscow for VE Day, and she was given a gold and diamond ring by Stalin. She was ad-vanced to GBE although characteristically she asked the King if she might continue to be known as Mrs Churchill

In 1953 she went to Stock holm to receive, on behalf of her husband, the Nobel Prize for Literature. At the banquet which followed she sat at the

right hand of the King of Sweden, and afterwards there



was a ball when more than 500 students sang "Clementine" in English. When Winston Chur-

English. When Winston Churchill died in 1965 the entire world rallied to her with real and abiding sympathy, not only for her great personal loss, but also for herself.

Amid the great grim pageantry and ceremonial of the state funeral, she was a figure of tremendous poise and dignety. She was greatly admired for the meaner in which she rofused to let the whole of hir world colkapse about her. Everyone approved when she quickly re-entered public life.

In May, 1965, a life peerage was conferred on her, and she took the title of Baroness Spencer-Churchill, of Chartwell.

When she took her seat in the Lords in June, 1965, Lady

the Lords in June, 1965, Lady Spencer-Churchill's sponsors were Lord Ismay and Lord Normanbrook, both close coun-sellors of Sir Winston. She was not an absentee peeress. Soon after her introduction she attended the debate on the Abolition of Hanging, and went into the division lobby in favour of the Bill.

A staunch and sincere liberal in politics, she did not always sympathize with her husband's political associates and deeply regretted his acceptance of the leadership of the Conservative Party in 1940. Nevertheless, she was a brilliant political hostess and, although so strong a personality in her own right, she provided in two respects the ideal background for Winston Churchill's brilliant and varied career. In the first place their mutual affection was strong and long lived. In all the most anxious moments of his career she stood unwaveringly at his side and outstoken she stood unwaveringly at his side and, outspoken as she might be in her comments and her criticisms, she put her loyalty to her busbend before all else. Secondly, she had not only excellent taste as regards furnishing and dress but also a capacity for making her home comfortable as wall as beautiful. Under her suidance, even ful. Under her guidance, even the most hundrum cook could

an astonishingly short time. Knowing that her husband was a man influenced more by the written than the spoken word, if sue had a point she was anxious to make, she embed'ed it in a minute end sent it to Sir Winstoa with his breckfast.

Although she never sought publicity, and indeed equated it with vulgarity, she was better known to the public and more widely admired than the wife of any other Prime Minister. Years after Sir Winston had retired from politics, every head would turn as she walked down the street and ber undi-minished beauty would be recognized by the murmurs of the passers-by. She had curiously few close personal friends of her own generation, but she was respected and admired by an ever widening circle of people of all ages and, without ever seeking to do so, she acquired a position for herself in the country entirely in her own right.

During the First World War she became, under the auspices of the YMCA, an efficient organizer of canteens for muni-tion workers; she was created CBE in 1918.

She was chairman of the Fulmer Chase Maternity Hospital for wives of junior officers from 1940 to 1945 and of the National Hostels Committee of the YWCA from 1948 to 1951. She was an honorary LLD of Glasgow University and an hon-orary DCL of Oxford. Lady Spencer-Churchill had five children: her eldest daughter, Diana, born in 1909, was twice married—the second time to Mr Duncan Sandys, and this

to air Duncan Sandys, and this marriage was dissolved in 1961; in 1963 she took her own !!!e; at the time she was doing voluntary work for the Samaritans. Lady Churchill's only son—Randolph—was born in 1911 when her husband was home Several Pandolph—was Home Secretary. Randolph, who became his father's biographer, a journalist and politician, died in 1968, Lady Churchill's second daughter was Sarah, who was born in 1914, became an activest, and was provided an actress, and was married three times—her first marriage was to Mr Vic Oliver. She accompanied her father on one journey to Yaka during the war. She had joined the WAAF in 1941. Lady Churchill's third daughter, Marigold, was born in 1918 and died in 1921. Her fourth daughter was Mary (born in 1922) who in 1947 married Mr (later, Skr) Chris-topher Soames, Minister of Agriculture (1960-64), later Ambassador to France, and a Vice-President of the European Communities. During the Second World War she served in the ATS and in 1943 she accom-panied her father to Canada and the United States; in 1944 she went with him to Paris.

REV DR S. L. GREENSLADE

Historian of the early Church

He was 72,

The death of Stanley Greention. A shy but decisive man of the utmost integrity, he was regarded with affectionate admiration by an international circle of scholars. His deep knowledge of the ancient Catholic church went with strong inner sympathy for the Reformation in its moderate Erasmion form, and helped him to play a notable role in

ecumenical conversations.
Stanley Lawrence Greenslade was born on May 14, 1905, and educated at Christ's Hospital and Hertford College, Oxford, where he was an open classical scholar. He took a first class in Mods., a second in Greats and a first in Theology. He went to a first in Theology. He went to Wycliffe Hall and was ordained in 1929 to a curacy at Beeston, Lecds. The following year he returned to Oxford as Fellow, Chaplain and Tutor in Theology at St John's.

In 1943 he was invited to become the first holder of the Lightfoot Professorship of Divinity in Durham, to which a canonry at the Cathedral was

canomy at the Cathedral was canonry at the Cathedrai was annexed; and seven years later he succeeded to the senior Van Mildert Chair after the departure of A. M. Ramsey to the Regius Professorship of Divinity in Cambridge. In the University he lectured mainly on the history and doctring of the history and doctrine of the early church (particularly of the Larin church) and for three years served as a graceful and amusing Public Orntor. As Canon he was noted for his Canon he was noted for his careful observance of Cathedral duties, for his interest in the music, and his devotion to the Cathedral library: he was Chapter Librarian, and not only lavished care on its books and precious manuscripts but also was concerned that its treasures should be displayed and appre-ciated. His interest in the history of the Cathedral, its past and present foundation. past and present toundation, and in the lives of the changing community in the houses clustering about it, was displayed from time to time in articles in The Durhum University Laurent

sity Journal.

Early in 1958 he was persuaded to accept the vacant Ely Professorship at Combridge with its annexed canonry at Ely, and was elected a Fellow of Selwyn. He came into residence

Lady Watson, widow of Sir Arthur Egerton Watson, CB, CBE, died on December 4 at the age of 96. She was Alice Louin, daughter of T. W. Brown, and she was married in 1939. Her husband died in 1967.

The Roy Dr Stanley Green- in October 1958, but in April slade, DD, FBA, Canon of of the following year he re-Christ Church and Regios Professor of Ecclesiastical History accepted, the offer of the in the University of Oxford Region Professorthin of Ecclesi-1950-72, died on December 8. astical History at Oxford with its canoniy at Christ Church. In Oxford until his retirement slade removes a church he continued his work lecturing historian of range and distinct on the early church; in the on the early church; in the Cathedral Chapter his past exper ence was recognized by his carly appointment to the difficult office of Chapter Treasurer. He received an honorary DD from Edinburgh in 1955 and in 1960 he was elected a Fellow of the British Academy,

Greenslade's first book was published in 1938, a study of William Tindale, His marare work is best shown by Scinsm in the Early Church (1953), his Edward Cadbury Lectures delivered in Birmingham in 1949-50. Here he discussed one by one the causes of schism, and the chief ways in which the early church tried to deal with it. Among other work he edited a volume of the Cam-bridge History of the Bible, to which he contributed an essay on English Versions, 1525-1611, and an Epilogue on the use and influence of the Bible. Although naturally influenced by historical sentiment to which he was no stranger by his own confession, his study of church contession, his study of church history was not remote from his interest in modern church life: working at Schism in the Early Church and partaking in official "conversations" with Presbyterlens were for him two faces of the same coin. His interest lacture to Order The nugural lecture at Oxford, The engural lecture at Oxford, The English Reformers and the Fathers of the Church, nicely correlated his interest in the reformed church, the Fathers, and "bibliographs " which he listed in 10ho's Who with music as his "Recreations").

As a man he was slay, reserved and undemonstrative, but his manner left no doubt that there were many things about which he cared deeply. His colleagues appreciated his good sense and stability, and the pertinacity with which he attacked whatever task lay to hand.

In his retirement in a Berksubstantial introduction to the 1975 facsimile edition of the Coverdole Bible, and undertook the editing of several pieces for the Amsterdam Erremus, while being always ready to be of use in the churches of the neighbourbood.

In 1929 Greenslade married Phyllis Dorn Towell There were a son and daughter of the marriage,

Mr Leonard Alfred Walden CBE, a post president of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers and for merly managing director of Walden and Son (Henley) Ltd, died on December 4. He was 84.

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Twickenham on Saturday, have

announced teams that closely resemble those originally chosen for

for Rodgers.

Bignell now has a clear chance to win a trial place on January 7, but shed a rear for Ripley, still out in the cold in spite of a good inter-regional game and almost

No 8 by Bignell.

Greenwood to do more than just restore England team's status

Football Correspondent Ron Greenwood, who was eventually confirmed as England's "international ream manager" resterday, will be expected to spread his responsibilities well beyond his title. Within the coming month he will choose his assistants and after that begin to supervize the integration of coaching at all levels. If the Football Association selection committee had wanted no more than a manager to restore the senior team's ger to restore the senior team's status they would probably have been tempted by a different can-

been tempted by a different candidate.

Professor Str Harold Thompson, chairman of the FA, strongly demied any serious disagreement within the seven-man committee despite a delay, which was interpreted by some as an indication that the members were not all infavour of promoting Mr Greenwood from caretaker to full England manager. Nevertheless, Sir Harold said the decision was unanimous. It could be that the hesitation was to do with the terms of Mr Greenwood's contract. Although Sir Harold stressed that there was nothing binding about the date, he gave July, 1980, as the end of the contract. This will give Mr Greenwood time to take England into the European Championship final competition in Italy that year but possibly allow the FA to reconsider should be fail. There would then he a short time in which to make alterations in the hope of qualifying for the 1982 World Cup.

The FA gave Don Revie a fivewar contract in July, 1974 and a salary of £25,000 a year. Mr Greenwood can expect a similar ealary or possibly more because the FA will not have to pay rompursation to his club. West Ham United. Yesterday the West Ham Chairman, Reg Pratt. said: "Ron never liad a contract and rhere is no question of money changing hands." The club's board of directors are expected to confirm John Lyall's appointment as

scussions the parties shook hands ut announced: "There is no

deal."

Mr van Praag sald: "We had no trouble reaching agreement with Leeds on the fee, but the other part of our discussions have been very difficult. We made an offer to Jordan, which we considered to be very fair, but Jordan said no and did not disclose how much he wanted it would be fair to

say that obviously he wants more than we are prepared to pay and therefore the deal is off."

Jordan would not comment, but Mr Teeman said: "This is an

Mr Teeman said: "This is an interesting situation, where you have two clubs discussing the future of a player when he is not under contract to either of them". Mr Teeman soid: "I would have thought that in 1977, to restrict on employee from moving, when he has fulfiled all contractural chilgations to his employer, would not be easily upheld in a court of law. That is an important side

"Susan Cogswell, of Birmingtiam, regained the British
Women's national squash rackets
championship, sponsored by the
Langham Life Assurace Co, by
bjeating Teresa Lawes (Backenham 9—2, 9—1, in a 16minute final at Dellington, near
Northampton, last night. This was
ah astonishing performance.
There has been nothing like it in
a leading British final since
Hather McKay beat Beverly
Johnson in 17 minutes, without
losing a point, in the 1968 British
international championship.

The national event is only in its
third season. On all threa
occasions Miss Lawes has been
beaten by Miss Cogswell, twice
In finals, once a round earlier.
The starting thing about this
match, besides the spectacular
speed with which Miss Cogswell
won it, was the abstrice from the
court of last season's winner,
Angelar Smith (Stoke-on-Trent).

court of last season's winner, Angelar Smith (Stoke-on-Trent). Miss Smith was beaten by Barbara Diggens (Brighton), who

then had a match point against Miss Lawes on Sunday in an

Miss Lawes on Sunday in an arduous five-game match that temporarily drained Miss Lawes's reserves of energy. It is a healthy thing for the British game that in the course of 12 months the supposed dominance of Miss Cogswell and Miss Smith has been quastioned. It is equally healthy that the pational championship

that the national championship (like the mens five days earlier) should be decided by one player's winning shots rather than the other's mistakes.

Miss Lawes, a former New Zealand champion, had bardly any influence on the final except as a rather bemused version of a punchbag. She made only eight

Miss Cogswell in final

Sy Rex Bellamy

Squash Rackets Correspondent

Squash Rackets Cogswell, of Birmingtiam, regained the British

Women's national squash rackets

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Squash rackets

Jordan fails to agree terms

of £350,000 move to Ajax

Joe Jorden, the Leeds United forward, turned down a transfer to Ajax, of Amsterdam, yesterday after the two clubs had agreed upon a fee of £350,000. Jaap van Prass, the Ajax president, said:
"We shall not make any further approaches for Jordan and we shall look elsewhere in Europe for a player. Jordan was the only British player we were interested in."
Jordan, and his solicitor, Ronald Teeman, spent three hours taking to Ajax officials. At the end of discussions the parties shook hands

Forest manager, Brian Clough, who was said to be "the people's choice". Be that as it may, the FA committee have chosen the man they feel best suits their plans for the reconstruction of football from the roots. They were unable to ask him personally whether he woud formally accept the position before the decision was made public. Unsuccessful attempts were made to contact him during and after the committee meeting which

wood was likely to retain Geoffrey Hurst and Bill Taylor who helped Hurst and Bill Taylor who helped him in the three matches for which he was temporary manager after Don Revie's resignation five months ago. There is still the strong possibility of Bobby Robson or David Sexton helping in the coaching of the full and future "B" international teams.

"B" international teams.

The most persuasive virtues in favour of Mr Greenwood were obvious, but Sir Harold preferred his own description of the man as "s jolly decent fellow". One sensed that this would be recorded and revived on future days when, pertaps, things go badly for Mr Greenwood who is well qualified in football terms. He serves on FIFA technical committees and is widely considered to be the outstanding British cosch, although his critics say his record as manager of West Ham did not accurately reflect his qualifications.

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manager today.

Several times in his four months
as temporary manager of England
Mr Greenwood indicated that he
would like to be given the opportunity to continue, but in recent
weeks there was a powerful compalgn on behalf of the Nottingham

ts that obviously we have got to resolve the situation in the near future.

Jordan, who was bought for £15,000 from Morton seven years ago, declined to sign a new contract when his old one expired in the summer and for the pastmonth his range has been persitently linked with Ajax. He is anxious to move sbroad for tax reasons.

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round replay: Hastings Mediction: On the Management of t

OTHER MATCH: SI MITTER 1. Liverpool 1 il Liverpool 2 il Liverpool 1 il Liverpool 2 il Liverpool 1 il Liverpool 2 il Liverpool 1 il Liverpool 1

foreband and backhand.
Further evidence of the balanced versatility of her game was the range of winning shots she played—seven to length, eight kills, two drops, three angles and two reverse angles (one of which finished the match). She also displayed a knack for momentarily deferring and masking her drives in the cause of deception, thus creating court space for a

thus creating court space for a winner. In every way this was an exemplary performance.

Miss Cogswell, Miss Lawes, Mrs Diggens, Jayne Ashton, Lesley Moore and Joyce Maycock have been short-listed for Britain's forthcoming amateur international

forthcoming amateur internations series with New Zealand.

EALING: Middlesex open champion ships: Final: B. K. O'Connor best L. Steward, 9—1, 9—5, 9—0.

Today's fixtures

Yesterday's results



secretary, at yesterday's meeting of the selection committee.

tomorrow goes to Dortmund to see Wales play West Germany. On February 22 England will play the West Germans in Munich and the B teems meet the previous day. Pailure to qualify for the World Cup has left England attempting to find good-class opposition for a summer rour, but before that Brizil play at Wembley on April 19. So, before the qualifying matches for the European Championship, which will be Mr Greenwood's crucial test, there will be several opportunities to test progress. rest progress.
Reactions to the appointment were almost all favourable.

Dickinson says

letting him down

Jimmy Dickinson, the Portamouth manager, launched an
extend-hing attack on some of his
players at the club's annual meetlog last night. The club, who have
debts of 1630,000 are struggling
at the foot of the third division.
Mr Dickinson said: "Certain
members of my staff do not have
enough character and guts, and
this means that I must look for
people who will provide these
qualities for us."

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He added that he was disappointed with the response from some of his older players.

Portsmouth made a profit of £54.000 last scason, but they still face debts of £463.000, with a further £193.000 aread in their

face debts of £463,000, with a further £193,000 owed to their chalrman, John Deacon.

Public schools team

some players

Naturally, the Nottingham Forest club officials tried to balance reinef at keeping Mr Clough with a show of horror that the FA could have rejected him. Their workshipmen Struct. could have rejected him. Their vice-chairman, Stuart Dryden, said: "I am delighted for Not-tingham Forest but I can't understand the FA making a mistake of such giannic propoctions in not choosing Brian Clouch." Mr Clough kimself said: "I wish him will and hops he has a very successful time. I am obviously slightly disappointed just at anyone who goes for en interview for a top job and doesn't get it is bound to feel."

Alan Hercaker, of the Football League, said: "I think it is an excellent unpolutioned. I have known Ron and worked with him for many years. He has a tremendance knowledge of fociatal at all levels. He is not a "yes" manand he has the character to disall levels. He is not a 'yes' man and he has the character to disagree with someone without falling out with them."

Bobby Robson, who could still be involved in future appointments, said: "It has gone to a very cepable man and I wish him let of luck. I hope he will get the cooperation of every English club manager because that's what the job will need."

Southampton reluctantly agree to release Osgood

Southampton's manager Lawrie McMonemy has reluctantly agreed to let Peter Osgood join Philadelphia, the American League club, for 550,000. Osgood, battling to leave England because of the tax laws, has been asking Southampton to let him go for three months.

Mr McMenemy said vectoring

represent the Southern public schools in the match against the Northern public schools at the Bank of England ground, Roehampton, on Wednesday, December 14 (11 am): winning side.

Three Manchester Cky players—
Beil, Keesan and Doyle—are on
the wanted lists of American
clubs. On Saturday the former
City manager Malcolm Allison—
now coach to American club Memphis—was at Maine Road watchthe City and prairies.

absence through Injury. He also wants Keegan, City's 22-year-old midfield player or full back. City's manager Tony Book says: " I am not prepared to let them go because I do not agree with the loan system." Philadelphia are also interested in City's captain Doyle but they got the same answer from Mr Book.

Crystal Palace's striker Jeftrey Bourne decides today whether to join the third division club Ply-mouth in a £35,000 deal. Bourne mouth in a £35,000 deal. Bourne travelled to the West Country and gassed a medical at Home Park yesterday. Plymouth's manager. Michael Kelly said: "He wanted to go back to London to think things over and will let us know." Bourne Joined Palace from Derby for £30,000 in March and scored nine goals in 15 games to inspire the South London side to promotion in a centariable late.

Argentina Scots 12-1 Argentina next year, according to mady are joint favourites at 7 to 2.
Other odds: Argentina 5 to 1.
Netherlands 7 to 1. Italy 8 to 1.
Hungary 16 to 1. France and Peru
25 to 1. Austria and Spain 33 to 1.
Sweden 50 to 1. Mexico 100 to 1.
and Iran and Tunisla 1,000 to 1.

months.

All McMenemy said yesterday:

"We had no alternative but to
eventually let Ossie 20. He has
been determined to get away and
it eventually reached an ultimatum
where we either let him 30 how
or just hung on 10. him against
his wishes until the end of the
season when he would have gone
and taken a puh, which he had
already applied for." Osgood (30)
has made 122 league and cup appearances for Southampton and
scored 22 league goals. He was a
member of their 1976 FA Cup
winning side.

Three Manchester City players—

phis-was at Maine Road watching City's game against Birmingham and afterwards he inquired about Bell and Keegan.

Mr Allison is convinced thet Bell would benefit by a spell in American football. He has played in 16 reserve team games this season in his attempt to return to senior action after a two-year

Tabarly turns up in time to take

Auckland, Dec 12.-Eric Tabariy, of France, today ended confusion and controversy when he sailed into Auckland harbour to take part in the round-the-world yacht Press reports here had speculated that his boat, Pen Duick VI, might be barred because of waste uranium material in her keel. But Tabarly denied the reports and quipped: "Uranium—

Race officials inspected his 61ft ketch today and confirmed that. Tabarly had a valid rating certificate. The race is being run under 1973 rules, before untahum and other "exotic?" materials, were ruled out.

ruled out.

Pen Duick VI, built in French

Swimming

Nine out of nine for schoolgirl

Devies, of Britain, stole the show at the North York Aquatic Club's annual swimming meeting, capturing all nine events in which she compened. The 15-year-old Plymouth schooling won the 400 and 890 metres free-style last Friday, the 100 metres butterfly, 200 metres have been added you saturday, and the 100 metres tree-style and 400 metres individual andley on Saturday, and the 100 metres free-style, 100 metres backstroke and 200 metres individual medley yesterday.—Reuter.

retain position in London side will take heart from the clample of Neary, who was not offered a trial last season but finished ha summer leading the Lions' pack. Wyatt, who withdrew from last weel's came, now takes up his appointed place on the left who; and Busholl, a Fariequin, who had a national trial three years ago.

Alexander only loose forward to

semble those originally chosen for a national trial three years ago, their successful ranches last comes in at trill back without having played for his region in recent weeks.

Leadon have made six afterations, including the switch of Mainell to lock, and his replacement at No. 8 by Bignell. restored at forward, and effectively the only change of selectorial mind in those parts is the preference for Party as hooker rather than Hryshko. Pacez certalaly out-hooked his rival in their inter-regional con-Hignell, the England full back, remains out of current reckoning, but Kent, the centre, now match

remains our of current reckoning, but Kent, the centre, now match the first after a troublescine groin injury, makes his first appearance in the series for Senth and Senth West. Wheeler, England's hooker, has again been profiled for Midiands, though it seems probable that his shoulder injury will not allow him to play again just yet. Half of the London changes have occorred in the area around the fringes of the scrummage. George has been dripped at scrum Falt, and Ball will now play with Conner, his Wasps' partner. Cooke, a flank forward, is replaced by Merdell, whose exclusion from last saturday's game had been a great surprise. These alterations, together with the incroduction of Rignell, who played a considerable part in Kent's progress to the semi-finzi round of the county championship, mean that Alexander is the only loose forward to retain his position.

The restoration of Mantell to look, where he wut a cap in Australia in 1978, presumably ends his aspirations as an international No 8, at least for this season, and it entails no place next Saturday for Rodgers.

Bignell now has a clear chance Rotton, now having other demands on his time in Toulouse, is replaced in the Midlands pack hy Darnell, who still goes the vote ahead of Moseley's Ayre, as he did for his regional goes he did for his regional goes he did for his regional goes he will cox if Wheeler plays, but

Peck, who lost his place last Saturday because of injury, does not get it back. Gifford went an well with Cooper, his Moseley collecture, that the selectors have dended to leave well alone. Dodge's place is reclaimed by Evans, Covening's international centre, who had to withdraw last week.

centre, who had to withdraw last week.

The selectors of the South and South West side, which will kick off against London in the losers of learn match at 11.15. hate opted for an unchanged pack and for four changes among the backs. Kent's return, as well as that of Beese to the centre there withdraw last week), was to be expected, And there is no surprise that William, capped against France in 1976, should now replace Leich at stand-off half.

The omission of Morley, another international, is harder to understand, unless a facial injury, with which he played at Bath, was held against linn. He played well enough, Now the left wing position noes to Newman, another Exception formerly of wing position goes to Newman, another Eristolian, formerly of Bridgwater, who is reported to have looked promising in Somer-set's colours this season.

Divisional final and play-off teams



Wheeler (left), whose injury may keep him out, and Kent who is fit again.

O'Callaghan one of three new Barbarians

match at Leicester on December 27 (2.30): O'Callaghan, who scored a record number of tree in his four years with the Light Blues, returns to New Zestand next

bridge captain Alastnir Rignell and the Garry Owen hooker Pat Whelan. Bieneil missed most of this term's fixtures with an injured foot before returning for the Uni-versity match last week. He will need all the rugby he can fit in if he is to be match fit when England

Yachting

sea road to Rio

that's all right. It is not radioactive."

Navy yards, was constructed for the first round-the-world race two years ago but pulled out at the halfway stage with a broken mast. A former Tabarly yacht, Gauloises II. which began life as Pen Duick III in the Admiral's Cup series, is also competing.

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Tabarly can hope to win only the two stages left in the race. He is not in the ranging for the overall trophy. The fleet will sail for Rio de Janeiro on the third leg around the stormy Cape Horso on December 26.

OFFICIAL HALFWAY FLACINGS: 1, First INGUISTANDS: 2, King's Legend (GB: 5, Disque d'Or 18 Mizeriand: 1, Traile de Rome (EFG: 5, Adventure (GB: 6, Adventure (GB: 6, Adventure (GB: 6, ADC Accubrat (GB: 7, B and B Rails (Insiy: 8, 55 Export France: 9, Neplune (France: 10, Great British II (GB: 11, Debenhama (GB: 12 Treiss, an taburings: 12, Casiloles II Treiss; an taburings: 12, Casiloles II Treiss; an taburings: 13, Casiloles II Treiss; an taburings: 13, Casiloles II Treiss; and the condet (GB: 1, Agoste France-Presse.)

Mrs Möser disqualified over unsuitable suit

By John Hennessy The disqualification of Annamarie Möser, the leading Austrian women's-skier, from the World Cup. giant sialom at Val d'Isère last week was upheld vesterday. A laboratory test undertaken at St Gallen. Switzerland, confirmed the original finding, taken on the

spot, that the suit she was wearing intringed a new rule of (FIS). The rule stiglates that at least 50 litres of air must pass through a square metre of the material in one second. Mrs Möser's suit was said at the time to allow for only about half of that amount. The more precise testing gave a

only about half of that amount. The more precise testing gave a reading of 20 litres.

So far as Mrs Moser is concerned the disqualification is unimportant, although there will be some small-minded people who will suspect some form of cheating. This defies all probability, first because the use of such a suit would be of little of no advantage in a giant saloot (as distinct from a downhill) and second because the has no need for skullduggery.

Under the revised format of the

nitimate success, since she scores in all three, whereas the holder and her only rival, Lise-Marie Morerod (Switzerland), thrives only on the slalom and giant slalom.

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The episode suggests nothing more than carelessuess on Mrs. Möser's part. The Austrian women's team giant sialom suits had not been delivered, and all other members of her team in the race wore their new downhill suits. Mrs. Möser felt more comfortable in last year's giant sialom suit and gave no thought to the clothing check, since no advantage would be gained in any case. The revised order of finishing therefore is Miss Morerod, Miss. M. Epple (West Germany) and Miss M. Kaserer (Austria).

Meanwhile from Rome there Meanwhile from Rome there comes the news that Mario Cotelli, the manager of the Italian Alpine team, has asked the Italian federation to call for the disqualification of Fram Klammer, also of Austria, winner of Sunday's downhill for men. The tenuous ground for taking this action is that Klammer's suit was reported in the press not bave met the new regulations.

Under the revised format of the World Cup only the three best placings count in each of the three Alpive disciplines—downhill, by not allowing sufficient passage almost guarantees Mrs Moser's "breathe".

Latest European snow reports



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SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Prenter dirison: Barbet v AP Leamington. First
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Rovers v St Helens 14 Cravet Park.
Holl. 7.25'. punchbag. She made only ught crrors, though she also conceded four penalty points when mis-directed backhands pursued her to mid-court instead of staying on the wall as she intended them to. She hit three winning shots, all

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Exemplary performance by Rosewall falls to Letcher in first round

Sydney, Dec 12.—Ken Rosewall, aned 43, was knocked out in the first round of the New South Wales Open tennis tournament by Cliff Letcher, a 25-year-old fellow Australian, here today.

put her under any form of pressure.
When the strong and agile Miss Cogswell took a game from Mrs McRay in the British international championship last March, she provided exciting evidence of her maturing discretion and confidence as a competitor. She has long had a wealth of winning shots, he has now acquired the concentration to score points only for herself: to give little or nothing away, Last night she made only seven errors and hit 22 winners—exactly divided between foreband and backhand.
Further evidence of the balanced versatility of her game Australian, here today.

Letcher won 4—6. 6—1, 7—5 and, after the match, there was speculation that Rosewall would pull out of the forthcoming Australian Open in Melbourue. Rosewall was asked several times whether he intended to compete and would only answer "1'se entered." entered ". :

entered "."

Apart from Letther's win, all the fascied players went through without trouble. Roscoe Tanner, of the United States, the No 4 seed bent Jorge Andrew, of Venezuela, 6—2, 6—3.

In the women's tournament, Susan Barker, of Britalu, seeded No 2, bent Lesley Bonery, of Australia, 6—4, 6—3.

DAVIS CUP: Uruguay beat Bracil
4—1 (Montevideot: Chile beat Boilvis
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Kores 5—0 (Colmbotore). MONTEVIDEO: Davis Cup. nuario fibal round: Uneguay beal Brazil

Motor racing

Renault to make concentrated effort at Le Mans

Renault plan to flood next year's Le Mans 24-hour race with six turbo-charged cars, in an attempt to make up for their failure in the event this year.

Britain's Derek Bell, a previous winner at Le Mans, has been included in a 14-driver team to contest the race.

contest the race.

The French ream's effort, announced in Paris yesterday, has meant delaying their formula one challenge in the world championship until mid-season. Jean-Pierre Jabouille will continue as the driver of the turbo formula one car for a second successive year.

Paris, Dec 12.—The inter-national sporting committee of the International Automobile Federa-tion today announced that the Japanese Grand Prix, scheduled to be run on the Mount Fuji circuit on April 16, has been cancelled.—AP.

Table tennis

Strong Far Eastern entry compensates organizers equal third with Paul Day (Cambridgeshire) equal fifth. Carole Knight (Cleveland), the defending champion in the women's singles, seldom does herself justice against foreign opposition and begins with a bard match against Misuzu Shimada (Japao). Miss Knight is in the same half of the draw as the No 2 seed, Uona Uhlikova (Czechoslovakia) and Linda Howard (Surrey). Mrs Jill Hammersley (Buckinghamshire), the European Champion, starts against a qualifier and has Chu, the No 1 seed, in her half of the draw. The draws for the team competitions were:

By Richard Streeton party taking part in the English open championships, sponsored by the Norwich Union, at Brighton from January 12-14. They are led by Li Chen-Shih in the men's singles and Chu Hslang-Yun in the women's event. Both these players will be remembered by millions of television viewers for their happy, smiling approach compared with some other competiors, as well as for their high, lob aervices and all-round skill.

vices and all-round skill.

The Chinese team, whose tinerary may take them to Jersey ofter their English visit, are expected to arrive on January 4 and to play an international match with England at Thornaby on Friday, January 6. That weekend they will take part in the Cleveland championships and will play a second international match with England in London on Tuesday, January 10, before travelling to Brighton. English officials have been anable to book the Albert Hall as they had hoped to do for the London match and another size has not yet been found. vices and all-round skill.

Japan will be represented at Brighton by players from the Datsun club, one of the leading club sides and the overall strength of the Far Eastern entries brings some compensation to the English association for a disappointing response once again from other leading European countries. The Russians, who dominated the championships lack was a inclused championships last year, influsted several months ago that they would not be sending a side. Also missing for varying reasons will be the best players from France,

Hungary. Sweden and Yggoslavia, though Poland are returning after an absence of some veurs. an absence of some vears.

Elghteen years have elapsed since an English player wan the meu's title and in 1960 Ian Harrison (Gloncestershire) had little foreien competition to overcome. Milan Orlowski (Czechoslovakia) and Li occupy the first and second seed positions in the draw and Desanond Douglas, the leading English player, is seeded

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made to contact bim during and after the committee meeting which lasted two hours and a half.

Sir Harold said: "If Mr Greenwood does accept he will need a couple of weeks to consider several people who will belp him in his work but we can't say whether they will be part time or full time." He was not prepared to expand on whether Mr Greenwood was likely to retain Geoffrey

Sir Harold Thompson, chairman of the Football Association (right) and Ted Croker,

Unsatisfactory Test | Persian Camp to pitch | Scotland will A buyer for Aintree practice for both **England and Pakistan**

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent

Lahore, Dec 12 Both the English and Pakistani cricketers had unsatisfactory practices here today, the Englishmen because of inadequate facilities, the Pakistanis because they have been unsertied by their Board of Conrol's attempt to recover those or their players who are in Australia, under contract to Mr Packer. or their players who are in Australia under contract to Mr Packer.
Worthwhile practice is so necessary in the early stages of a tour that I am regularly surprised how little is done to ensure it. It is the same almost everywhere, yet in 20 tours I have only once known a manager send anyone on ahead of his team to check up that everything possible is being done to provide good net wickets.

All being well, Brearley and his players will find something better for tomorrow, maybe on the outfield, or even on the square at the Gaddafi Stadium, where Wednesday's first Test match is being played. The setting of the old gymkhaue ground where they practised this morning is a charming as any in India or Pakistan. It is not unlike the parks at Oxford and the one net pitch, unfortunately, was about as good. By attempting to persuade Mr Packer's Pakistanis to secure their release in order to play against England, the Board of Control in Pakistan have left their selectors, not to mention their current Test party, not knowing where they are.

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current Test party, not knowing where they are.

If Majid and the rest of them (or some of them) do not turn up for the second Test, if not the first, the public are going to feel let down and the gates are bound to be affected; this despite Mr Justice Slade's recent assertion that Australia is the only Testplaying country whose finances would be presented with any immediate threat by Mr Packer's world series cricket. In Pakistan more than most countries would be spectators will stay away out of resemment, relating in this case to the fact that Pakistan might be prevented from fielding their Test party, not knowing from fielding their Those old Pakistani Test players.
I spoke to this morning, and for that matter some of the senior members of their present team,

of interest in Packer players

Melbourne, Dec 12.—Kerry Packer s World XI cricketers flew back here today for their first match under floodlights with lit Packer's revolution still failing to attract widespread public support. The lack of interest in the Packer places here no poincepts today. players became noticeable today when for the first time in several days some of them were back in Melbourne where the Packer brand of cricker started Melbourne where the Packer brand of cricket started Western Australia's win condition of cricket started Western Australia's win condition of Albury, 200 miles north east of Melbourne, there were 2,300 people. In the match so Australiam XI recovered from a distant of the Shield and Gibette Cup maying 16 for three to be 385 for eight at the end of their 75 overs in a two-day game against to grant the condition of their 75 overs in a two-day game against a West Indians. They are also holders of the Shield and Gibette Cup md, despite the Iose of 10 and 40 or one of their 75 overs in a two-day game against a West Indians. They are also holders of the Shield and Gibette Cup md, despite the Iose of 10 and 40 or one of their 75 overs in a two-day game against class matches. match is part of the Packer plan to product the series in rural areas

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are of the opinion that Pakistan cricket will be best served by thoosing the side for their series against England from the playersthey have here now. The experience, they say, will bring the younger ones on faster than anything else possibly could, and if England win it will not be the end of the world. The fact that there may have been some Government intervention further adds to the

intervention further adds to the selectors' problems.

Standing in the middle of the Test ground today and looking at the flattest pluth you ever saw, shoing in the most perfect crystal light, it was easy to understand how someone like Hamf Mohammad, once he dug himself in, took so much prising out. Oze of the opening bowlers in a march here three weeks ago said that within three overs the wicker-keeper was standing up to the stumps, so slow was the pitch. Even so, morning dew (play starts at 10.0) usually allows a little early movement.

The Test series is to be played with English balls. This is at the request of the Pakistamis, although the first three matches of the tour were all played with balls made in Pakistan. If the English bowlers had their choice it would be the other way round, not at all because the Pakistam ball is better made or more durable, but simply because it swings for longer.

A factor in England's victory over India last winter was that the series was played with Indian balls, though then, as now, there were several dozen new English balls in the MCC baggage. The Indians opted for their own, quite understandably, because they were their own; but because they sweng about a lot, it was not to their advantage. Pakistan's preference,

Another £1,250 can be won faring the Pakistan-England Test series. The Test and County Cricket Board and the Cornhill Insurance Company announce a £250 Cornhill man-of-the-match award in each of the three matches to be played between the countries. to be played between the countries, plus 2500 for the man-of-the-series. The indges will include, the England manager, Ken Barrington.

Noticeable lack | Another touring team upset by W Australia

Perth. Dec 12.—The Indian cricketers slumped to their first defeat against a state side on their careig against a state side on mair Australian tour here today when they lost to Western Australia by 150 runs. The Indians, 53 for three oversight, were all out for 271 after making a brave attempt at an almost impossible target of 422. A left-arm fast bowler, Gen-nou took four for 70.

The Indian resistance was led by Maniad, who bit a deflant 92, including 11 fours, in three and a half hours.

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Racing

high in no-man's-land

By John Karter

Richard Head, whose everimproving steeplechaser, Uncle
Bing, was just caught by Even
Melody in the Massey-Ferguson
Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday, should gain a small measure
of compansation through Persian
Camp in the Peter Cazalet
Memorial Challenge Trophy
Steeplechase at Plumpton today.
Persian Camp has to overcome top
weight; and has yet to prove himself over this distance, but he has
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self over this distance, but he has the class to pull through against this opposition.

Placed in all his three races this season, Persian Camp put up his best performance at Newbury law mouth when he ran Persmbulare to two lengths with those good livo milers, Isle of Man and Early Spring, well beaten. Admittedly, Perambulate did not exactly pay a glowing tribute to that form when he trailed in last of four to Tree Tangle at Sandown Park in his next race, but clearly that was one of those off days to which Perambulate is prone-from time to time.

Lord Browndodd would be the

Lord Browndodd would be the Lord Browndodd would be tha selection if this race were run over another half-mile or more, but in this no-man's land of just under two unless and a half the speed of Persian Camp may prove decisive. However, Lord Browndodd ran really well when a closs second to Wayward Scot at Nawbury over virtually this distance and is sure to be a big danger. Of the others, Brown Jock beat Flying series winner. Jine Again, may course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the Ladbroke Teesside Hamilicap Hurdle, and Goolagoog an return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the Ladbroke Teesside Hamilicap Hurdle, and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the Ladbroke Teesside Hamilicap Hurdle, and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the Ladbroke Teesside Hamilicap Hurdle, and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the distance and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the distance and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the distance and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the distance and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner. Jine Again, may be best in an open race In the distance and Goolagoog are return to winning form in an equally compensate to do. The course winner in an open race In the ladbroke Teesside Hamilicap to the ladbroke Tees

Teesside Park programme

12.45 WYNYARD HURDLE (Div. I; 3-y-o novices: £340:

1.15 MANDALE HURDLE (Handicap : 4-y-o ; £272 : 2m 175yd)

1.45 LADBROKE STEBPLECHASE (Handicap: £882: 3m 31yd)

2.15 LADBROKE HURDLE (Handicap : £874 : 2m 175yd)

245 LAMBTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £741: 3m 31yd)

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3.15 WYNYARD HURDLE (Div II: 3-y-o novices: £340:

Prince over three miles here recently, but faces a jump in class against the two top weights, and bredgar is also likely to find the pace a little too strong.

Hill Station, runner-up in all his three races this season, the most receive of these being when beaten a length by Scots, Gambol over this course, seems, to have found a winning opportunity in the first division of the Ditchling Novices. division of the Ditching Novices' Hurdle. The only darrer here appears to be Can Hurley, disappointing when unplaced to Crack O'Doon ar Chepstow, but previously a game winner from Tudor Mystery at Cheltenham. The second division of this race could go to Nice To See You, a good second to Gentle Prinze.

At Teesside Park, Pat Rohan, who does not have many runners under National Hum rules, could be on the mark with Nice and Friendly, who chased home Sharpforbeds at Wetherby, with the reat of the field well beaten, Away Swallow, who was fourth in that Wetherby race, and the Sedgefield winner, Lady Val, may give Nice and Friendly most to do. The course winner, Jane Again, may be best in an open race for the Ladbroke Teetside Hamilcap Hurdle, and Goolagong can return to winning form in an equally compenitive Lambton Novices' Steeple-chase.

the Scottish course was to close, Sir Desmond Plummer, the chelr-man of the Horse Race Betting Levy Board, made these comments vestercay. "Lanark's

"Laurk's closure results directly from the inability of its management to attract the necessary number of people through its turnstiles to give financial stabi-lity now and in the future. This has been publicly acknowledged "The racing authorities have given the course every chance in recent years and in a last effort to help the racecopre two years ago, the Board agreed to waive Lanark's loan repayment, and the Stewards of the Jockey Club granted a prize money concession."

Sir Desmond made it clear that

Sir Desmond made it clear that there was no question of the Levy Board withdrawing their support next season, and that all the usual prize money grants, together with technical, security and official services would still have been provided. Sir Desmond continued: "Unfortunately, there were no subsequent indications that permanent stability would be achieved.

Despite Lanark's closure there will not be less racing in Scotland next year. Sir Desmond said that the Jockey Club in consultation with other Scottish racecourses had

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Plumpton programme

1.30 KEVMER STEEPLECHASE (Handicap : novices : £669 : 3m)

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7-2 Damsido, 7-2 Atmani, 9-2 Clanfield, 5-1 Clever One, 8-1 Blue Fire, 10-1

2.30 PETER CAZALET STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £828

3.0 DITCHLING HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £450: 3m)

3.30 DITCHLING HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £461:3m)

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By Our Racing Staff.
1.0 Otago Gold. 1.30 Flying Prince. 2.0 Comet Kohontek. 2.30 Persian Camp. 3.0 Hill Station. 3.30 Nice To See You.

1.0 HENFIELD HURDLE (4358: 2m)

Lanark loss course still sought Aimtree racecourse, home of the Mr Thompson additional list still on the delighted that News

Aimtree racecourse, home of the Grand National, is still on the market for £2.5m. The track's official receiver Colin Davies gave official receiver Colin Davies gave the news at a press conference in Liverpool yesterday. Mr Davies added that the ideal solution to preserve the National was for a buyer to get permission from the local authority to increase the number of snorting activities on the 250-acre site, Peter Thompson, managing director of Ladbrokes, who currently manage the course, said that he was pleased with the response for tickets to the big 1973 event.

He said: "We have £5,000 already in advance boskings. This year we sold 51,000 tickets compared with only 42,000 in 1975." Clerk of the course John Hughes seid: "It will again be an alliamping programme and our aim will be to attract an even stronger raid from Ireland."

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In addition to sponsoring the Grand National liself, have yet acom adopted all six races on Saturday.

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April 1, and generously contributed prize money of \$51,000. I expect the prize money to be up 10 per cent next year."

Mrs Mirabel Topham is still sponsoring the Topham Trophy and there will be two new sponsors. Haig Whisky, who take over the Foxbunters' Steepiechase and the Manchester-based Kennady Congruetton Group who will put Construction Group who will put up \$5,000 for the Kennedy Con struction Hurdle. Ladbrakes letest struction Hurdle, Ladbrokes 1812.5.
prices for the Grand National are:
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Boy, 20-1 Our Edition, 25-1 Fort
Deven, Royal Frolic, Schastlan V,
Shifting Gold and Tied Cottage,
23-1 Davy Lad, Everatcher and
Hidden Value, 49-1 Rag Trade and
Brown Admiral, 50-1 Forest King.

Easy ride for Linley

Trainers Seat, the classiest triple crown and not diagraced in topse on display at Teesside Park yesterday gave Richard Linley an armchair ride to land the Guisborough Novices Hurdle (division I). The colt was Linley's first mount here and Toby Balding's first mount here and Toby Balding's first mount here and Toby Balding's second, and let the stable down first representative on the course since Bobby Rock ran twice in two days, winning a "seller" in a photo and then getting beaten in a photo 10 years ago.

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Mannyboy is bound for Chepstow

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third to Ray Trade in that race for me the second before last, after which he was killed in the Scottish Grand National—I would dearly love to win the Chepstow race with Mannyloy", said the owner, Frank Pellett, a building contractor 17 on Bromley.

Mr Pullen has had 53 timers in 23 years as an owner, but his had only one runner in the Aintree. Michael Stanley jumped Manny-boy to the front from the early leader Fighting Chance at the tenth feace and from that point the hay was not headed. He forged clear on the run in in score by eight lengths from Corn-

The favourite Mr Snowman was a further length and a half away third and did not help his chance with a mistate three out. Manny boy had fallen in his only other race this season and Gifford, with 30 winners already in the big this season, said, "I'm pleased

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and industrial chemicals.

the deal is effected.

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

A big breakthrough has been made by the British Steel Curporation in its plan to cut out unprofitable sectors of the state

industry - now operating with losses exceeding £500m a year.

The unions have agreed rehictarrily to the closure of

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Final details of the shut-

down are still to be settled, but it seems certain that the

Durham steel plant will close a year abaad of schedule, with record redundancy payments, for the men working there.

High Street sales Washington National Starch and Chemical will fit easily into existing interests' in November decline for third month running

Christmas began a little late this year for the High Street shops. Retail sales fell back in volume terms last month in contrast to the usual November.

mates published yesterday showed a fall in trade last mouth for the third month business in the latest three months was nearly 2 per cent lower, at an annual rate, than in the previous three months. However, there is some evidence from retailers, that spending picked up in the last week of November when the Chancellor's latest tax cuts

The Government has consis-tently overestimated the buoyancy of demand in the economy this year. This latest evidence that consumers are still reluct-ent to spend suggests that the luggish performance of output

started to come into weekly pay

Most forecasters are expecting a strong rise in consumer spending next year to be the main force behind growth in the economy. As inflation continues to moderate, and earn-ings increases step up, there will be a substantial boost to real incomes. This should then lead to a revival in consumer spending.

Many groups of workers have been playing a walt-and-see came until the pattern of phase three settlements became

This could work to the Gov-erament's advantage. The longer the rise in earnings is delayed the further the decline in the rate of inflation will go. This

Criticism in

DoT report

attacked by

accountants

Dixon Wilson, the account-ancy firm headed by Sir

Charles Hardie, former chairman of BOAC, yesterday hiz out at a Department of Trade report, due to be published this morning, which is believed to criticize Sir Charles and the firm

The report on four com-panies with which Mr John Stonehouse, the jailed former Labour Minister, was involved, including the British Bangla-desh Trust and London Capital Group, is believed to contain

Dixon Wilson complained that it had been refused permission to see a copy of the report in advance of publication.

In a statement the firm said : "It is outrageous that profes-sional firms and others who are

tion to the department to change its policy in this matter.

another occasion where inspec-tors appointed by the depart-ment, acting in a non-judicial capacity but with the benefit of

qualified privilege, are able to make damaging remarks about

several criticisms.

released by the Department of .

	Sales by volume 1971 = 100, 5645, 4d),	latest & months on	Sales by value per- centage on 2 years earlier
Nov Dec	109.2 . 108.3	+ 1.5. -1.5	
1 9 77 Jan	106.7		+12
Feb March April	105.7 103.1 103.4	. –,6.6. – 11.8	+ 15 + 14 + 12
Trice -	104.4 103.8 107.0	-12.7 -4.1 +4.3	+15 +14 +16
Aug Sept	107.2 106.2	+10.9-	+16

settlements. sharp upturn in the level of average earnings as wage, negotiations are finally completed, because of the back pay which many workers will receive.

If industry is not prepared for the consequent spurt in demand there could be an unfortunate spill-over into imports. The Treasury is already force.

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One possible reason for the drop in retail sales from the summer peak is that wage settlements have been delayed. rise in import volumes next

The weakest retail sectors at the moment are in food and heavy consumer durable goods. Other non-food shops have reported a sharp imprevement in business in the past few days. The value of retail sales has

rejects trade offer Unilever to pay £260m for US group

The suggestions, which were formally tabled by Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, the Japanese Minister of Overseas Economic Affairs, during an opening round of 42

plus for the year is expected to total some \$10,000m (about £5,495m) nearly all of it with the United States and the European Economic Com-

Buropean seemonic commity.

Mr Strauss said that the manimum goals for the United States negotiations with Japan required action that would bring about a substantial shift in the American trade deficit. We will not be safe-lied until share withmans?" he

measures with some immediate

to reduce their trade, surpluses and the surplus in their current account balance of payments

He declined to go into details of the Japanese offer, but it is understood to include rariff

want Tokyo to accept a clear target date for the elimination of substantial reduction of its growing trade deficit with

fied until that heppens," he

by Japan
From David Cross
Weshington, Dec. 12

Japan's latest offer to improve trade with the United States feel, "considerably short," of: American requirements, Mr Robert Strauss, President Carter's special trade represen-

reductions and quota increases on dozens of items imported into Japan The Americans however.

Japan's current becount sur-

In response to a question, Mr tSrauss said that he hoped the Japanese would not resent United States pressures on them

Unilever yesterday announced that it was pressing ahead with the purchase of National Starch and Chemical Corporation for a total cost of \$485m (£250m) in one of the largest cash deals by a British-based

hours of talks liere, were in-sufficient for us to come to grips withour common trade and economic problems. Mr

The huge Japanese trade sur-plus had to be turned around over a couple of years. But, he said, "we're looking for trade

Outline agreement on the closure was reached yesterday between the British Steel Corporation management and the TUC steel industry committee, after two months of fruitless

go abead with political de-mands to the Government that investment in new equipment for the industry should go shead at Hunterston, on Clyde-side, and Shelton in Stafford-shire.

British Stead refused to take British Steel refused to take

Mr Bill Sirs, general secre-tary of the TUC steel commit-tee and leader of the industry's

Steel Trades Confederation, said last night: "No other country would close it [Hartle-pool plant] down."

year and discussions were still taking place on the limit for next year.

But Mr Varley made it clear that no early statement on the

Unions accept loss of 1,500 jobs in

He admitted that the search for a suitable acquisition had been "a long and

arduous road, partly because a purchse of an existing consumer-orientated business could have led to difficulties with the

United States anti-trust authorities.
Strong management and an easy fit with

Unilever's existing large chemical interests, Sir David explained, were the major

reasons why he had been attracted to National Starch.

been expanding away from commodity based trading interests towards speciality chemicals and National Starch fitted into

chemicals and National Starch fitted into this strategy as well as providing the existing United States interests of Unilever with a complementary industrial arm. National Starch last year had sales of \$339m and net earnings of \$24.5m to make it the 39th largest American chemical concern and the 487th biggest industrial

Starch's output serves the home market and the rest is exported. The group has an impressive record, with sales and earnings trebling over the last decade. Unilever is, then, paying some 19; times

For the past four years Unilever had

pool plant; down."

The price of closure will be high. Terms being negociated will be "as good as any workman had anywhere in Britain" and will be no less generous than the deal orvanged at the Clyde Iron works several mooths ago. This gave redundance mooths of the porfs.000

dancy money of up to £8,000 for long-serving workers.

Mr Sirs, who worked in the Hardepool plant for most of his adult life, said: "It will be a blow to the town, and sate is the man to the latter. why we tried to retain steel-making and rolling on the site. This plant had a labour rela-tions record second to none. It has always produced first class steel, and on time. It is a

The Government is keeping a careful watch on pay developments in the industry, but expects the BSC to increase its offer of 6 per cent for 100,000 steel workers to the 10 por cent figure now regarded as "the going rete" in industry. Borrowing dilemma: The corporation is expected to reach or exceed its present £4,000m borrowing limit late next year or early in 1979, Mr Kaufman, Minister of State for Industry, said yesterday.

He stressed, however, that the corporation would remain inside its £950m cash limit for this

Hartlepool steel plant closure

measures to cope with the crisis could be expected much before the end of next month. He has asked the BSC and the TUC steel industry commit-tee to consider jointly the most appropriate course of action. Peter Hill writes: Hiving off the non-steelmaking operations of the British Steel Corporation and a capital reconstruction were among the measures advo-

cated yesterday by the British Iron and Steel Consumers' Council for dealing with the problems of the corporation, which faces losses of £500m this It also called for government financing of jobs maintained at uneconomic plants for social reasons, and a reduction in

manning levels.

In a detailed paper on the problems of the state steel undertaking, the Council also stressed that United Kingdom customers were already having to pay a higher price for most types of steel produced domes-tically than many of their Europeen competitors, action taken to deal with BSC's problems which send

vantage in world markets would be highly damaging to the whole economy.

CONSTRUCTION

Committee proves too select for its task

last year's earnings for the group: not unduly expensive for an American take-over. With around a fifth of National

cash alternative for tax reasons. Unitever will have to pay out around \$400m in cash. Half that will come from the liquid resources of Unilever NV, the group's

raised by long-term borrowing, either in the United States private placement mar-ket, through a public debt issue or on the Euromarkets.

Relatively under-geared at the moment, the acquisition will increase Uniterer's barrowing as a percentage of shareholders' funds from 29 to 38 per cent.

The acquisition will be made through the Dutch arm, which holds the existing Lipton and Lever interests in the United States. These account for only 10 per

States. These account for only 10 per cent of the group's capital employed and despite sales of \$1,484m and pre-interest profits of \$95m stiff competition in the detergents market has cut Lever's profits

Provided all goes to plan and the deal is voted by National Starch shareholders the takeover will be effected by next February or March.

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Clarification

sought over

Elliott deals

A meeting of institutional shareholders in Editors Group of Peterborough is to be held on Thursday. The meeting has been called by the company's stockbrokers, Sheppards and Chase, and will be held in their offices.

unhappy abour some of the explanations offered by Edilort when it revealed a half-year loss of £248,000 on Friday. They also want clarification of cer-

tain share dealings by directors of the company. A Stock Ex-

change inquiry into Elliott con-

Efficit announced orders from

Saudi Arabia worth £54m in August Io October it was an

nounced that in fact no firm agreement had been signed. In

the meantime three directors of the company had sold substan-

lt was a rather embarrassed Mr Michael English, Labour MP for Nottingham West, that emerged from Committee Room 8 late vesterday afternoon to announce that insufficient MPs had turned up to provide a quorum for the Commons Select Committee on public spending. For almost 30

important witnesses from the Treasury and the Inland Revenue had paced the corridor, waiting to be called before an authoritative sub-committee of the all-Party Expenditure Com-

Out of a theoretical total membership of nine, only Mr English, the sub-committee's chairman, and Mr John Loveridge, Conservative MP for Havering, Upminster division, were treasure. This ways one law were present. This was one less than necessary for a quorum. It was, Mr English said, the first time there had been such

an occurrence since he became chairman early in 1974. Certainly, it was an event strangely at odds with the frequent demands made by MPs for greater parliamentary scruting of the machinery of Government. Only last week, during the debate on the Crown Agents, MPs were in full voice on this issue. Backbeuch power

and accountability was the cry.
Yet, here was a deputy
secretary and three under
secretaries from the Treasury.

secretaries from the Treusury, and a commissioner from the Inland Revenue waiting to account for themselves. Admittedly, the specific subjects to be discussed were of a rather abstruse kind. Essentially, they were related to three papers prepared carlier by the Treusury and Inland Revenue, of which the most important dealt with the possible inclusion of medium-term sible inclusion of medium-term revenue projections in the annual expenditure

It has long been argued that it is only possible to place public spending in a proper prospective if it can be seen in direct relationship to the flow of taxes and other receipts that will finance it. Naturally, government depart-

tiel numbers of shares at fav-ourable prices. Mr E. L. V. Smeeth, chairman of Elliott, sold 335,000 shares for about £135,000. ments see many difficulties in doing this, although they are ready to make some gesture in this direction.

Some institutions feel that even if the deal had material-ized it must have been obvious to Elliott that it would not have But, abstruse or not, it is the sub-committee itself that has been pressing for this particular improved the outlook for the current year. Two key questions they may raise are whether the directors knew the reform. The Treasury and the Inland Revenue were respond-

So where were the rest of the English attempted to account for them us best he could. Mr Nicholas Ridley, Conservative (Cirencester and Tewkesbury) was, it seams on the floor of the House, taking part in the Polish ships debate.

Mr Fred Silvester, Conserva-

tive (Manchester, Withington)
was in Manchester, Mr John
MacGregor, Conservative (South
Norfolk) had just been
sppointed a whip and his replacement, Mr Ian Stewart, had not been able to rearrange his diary at short notice. Mr John diary at short notice. Mr John Garrett, Labour (Norwich, South) was at another meeting: Mr Brian Sedgemore, Labour (Luton, West) had been seen at the last parliamentary division, but his whereabouts were unknown, as were those of Mr Giles Radice, Labour (Durham, Chester-le-Street). Finally, Mr James Boyden, Labour (Eishon Labour (Eishon) James Boyden, Labour (Eishon Auckland) as chairman of the parent committee is only u nominal member of the subcommittee, and does not actually attend its meerings.

Melvyn Westlake

The United States, Mr Strates and, was trying to be constructive in its discussions Central bankers fail to

in a calm amosphere.

European central bankers argued that present conditions—after the big fall in value of the dollar on exchange markets last week—justified intervention by the United States autho-

They were reported as saying that the dollar is at present undervalued and that its exchange rate cannot be justified because of the strength of the United States export performance and the inflow of capital into the United States.

criticized have no opportunity to meet such criticisms until after they have been published. It is hoped that professional bodies will make representa-The European argument is that the United States large balance of payments deficit arises entirely from the import "This, appears to be yet

Professional firms and persons without there being any satis-factory method of rebuttal. "Surely consideration should be given either to inspections being carried out on a judicial basis, or alternatively, the con-tents of reports not being pub-lished except in the context of any criminal or civil proceed-ings which may result?" rency intervention is a waste

Basie, Dec 12 to speculators, ministers and the unions will wastern central bankers met Significantly, the most important now take their proposals in Basic today, to discuss the tant figures in the United States, directly to Mr Verley, Secretary of the Contract of State for Industry.

hold the currency above its loss of last week.

The dollar closed down against the Deutsche mark at 2.174, the Swiss franc at 2.1225, and the Japaness yen at 24.75.

Crarling yers to \$1,9215 com-Sterling rose to \$1.8315 com-pared with \$1.8295 on Friday.

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agree on dollar policy

recent sharp fall of the dollar on, foreign exchange markets and its implications for the world economy. But as the talks adjourned in the evening there was little sign that the Americans and Europeans would egree to a joint policy to propup the United States currency. The talks apparently took place in a calm attrips there.

of oil from Opec commeries and finished products from Japan. The representatives of the Federal Reserve system, were attended the talks, were reported to sympathize with the arguments of European central bankers. But the decision asbankers. But the decision as no whether the United States will intervene or not appears to he with the Treasury in Washington.

For the United States, intervenion is a significant political issue.

issue. One of the economic viewpoints that has been transferred from the Republican Administration of Mr Ford to the Democratic Administration of Fresident Carter is that currency intermental in a waste

of taxpayers' money and a gift part in a joint approach to to speculators, ministers and the unions will

cantral banking system did not come to Basic today. Neither Mr Arthur Burus, the Federal Reserve Board chairman, nor Mr Paul Voicker, president of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, attended. Another, notable absenute was Mr Teitchizo Morinaga, the governor of the Bank of Japan. Caroline Atkinson writes: Market support for the dollar collapsed suddenly yesterday afternoon as dealers began to fear

lapsed suddenly yesterday after noon as dealers began to fear that nothing would come out of the Besle talks.

The American currency had looked a little stronger in the morning with a growing feeling that the bottom had been reached in the middle of last week.

However, by lunchtime ner-vousiess about the size of the American current and trade itself and substantial central bank support was necessary to

pared with 51.8295 on Friday.
The effective rate index climbed to 63.6 in the morning, but then fell back to 63.4.

The Bank of England joined other European central banks in propping up the dollar yesterday afternoon.

Although many are calling for a support operation to be mounted for the dollar, this ignores the fact that there is a substantial one already being carried out by the central banks whose currencies are appreci-

Mr Varley urges CBI to widen role of strategy

By Out Industrial Editor Mr. Verley, Secretary of State for Industry, Secretary of State for Industry, yesterday called on the Confederation of British Industry, to take a new mariative, to obtain individual company involvement in the Government's industrial strategy, based on sector-by-sector study of problems by triodartite working parties.

tripartite working parties.
He told a press conference yesterday that there was a need yesterday that there was a need for more cooperation from the CBI if the strategy was to remain credible. There had been considerable cooperation bit, with more working party reports due in the new year, it was now necessary to achieve discussion and implementation of sectoral suggestions at the

The call on British Petroleum's £564m offer for sale is believed to have been neglected or agnored by 2,000 to 3,000 investors. They substribed £3 per unit, for the partly-paid issue last June and were due to pay the balance of £5.45 per unit last Tuesday.

The Bank of England and the four clearing banks which

the four clearing banks which hardled the allotment yester-day sent our reminder letters to the defaulting parity-paid the absorbables when the parity and the second seco

shareholders—thought to be entitled to about I per cent of the issue—with a repeat of the warning contained in the prospectus that the original subscriptions will be forfeited.

if the balance per unit is not

forthcoming. No deadline has been drawn

yet for receipt of the final pay-ments, nor for the date at

which the Bank starts to charge

the interest of 5 per cent over minimum lending rate.

.The banks calculate that the majority of defaulters are individual shareholders who

received only the minimum allocation of 25 units.

level of individual companies. To this end, the CBI ought to take some initiative to ensure companies played their part in supporting the working

parties.

Dealing with British Leyland. Mr Varley said he found the reduction in the group's market share "most disturbing". The new cheirman, Mr Michael Edwardes, would have a formidable task in halting and reversing the saids.

In the case of Chrysler UK, the Secretary of State made clear there could be no question of departing from the Covernment's agreement with the United States parent for financing the present reorganization.

BP call ignored by some investors

£53m write-off for National **Freight Corporation debts**

National Freight Corporation as the first step in a planned financial reconstruction of the group, Mr William Rodgers, Secretary of Stae for Transport ,said in the Commons last night.

In a written answer to Mr Stanley Cohen, Labour MP for Leeds SE, Mr Rodgers said the corporation's debt to the Gov-ernment would be reduced from £153.1m to £100m and he hoped soon to be putting forward fur-ther proopsals for the recon-struction following his recent decision to hand back Freight-

By David Felton

The decision returning
Freightliners to British Rull
off 153m of debts of the
National Freight Corporation as
National Freight Corporation as chairman, who gave warning that it would "redraw the barrie lines between road and raii ".

> relating to Freightliners and all but £5m attributable to National Carriers, which has been the corporation's serious lossmaker. He told Mr Cohen that the Government also intended to make a grant of up to £15m to help to meet National Carriers' capital requirements. In April this NFC reported losses of £15.3m in 1976

Mr Rodgers said the write-off

would include all the debts

May & Hassell

(Importers, distributors and manufacturers of timber and allied products)

Interim Statement by the Chairman, Mr J H B Atley Half-Year ended 30th September, 1977

RESULTS Turnover up from £23m to £25.6m. Pre tax profit £536,000. The half-year saw pressure on margins resulting from extremely depressed demand coupled with a fall in timber prices following Scandinavian de-

DIVIDENDS Proposed interim, payable 6th February, 1978, 10% up.

OUTLOOK Sterling is strong. Most exporters' currencies are weak. Large stocks are universally held whilst world demand is depressed.

In July I advised the Group was under-committed to forward purchases. Recently part of that buying power has been used to advantage improving trading margins although compared with last year the Group remains under bought. A small stock write-down may be appropriate at March 1978.

The prescription of watchful caution in my annual statement and my hope for reasonable profit to March 1978

	FINANCIAL STATISTICS (Unaudited)	Half-Y 30th Sept.		Yearao Sist Mar.
		1977	1976	1977
	Turnover	£000 25,641	23,031	£000 47.364
	Group Profit before Tax	904	2,453	3,558
	Group share of Ass. Co. Lo	oss (368)	(1,000)	(2,164)
	Profit before Tax	536	1,453	1,394
	Tax, extraordinary items,			_,
	minority interests	(82)	(950)	416
	Profit for appropriation	454	503	1,810
	Interim Dividend	0.9382p	0.84p 1.	.93248p
	Copies of the Interim Report are available Reds life Parade West, Bristol, BS	ble from the Se GO PH.	arter.	
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How the markets moved

The Times index: 204.69-0.47 The FT index : 484.5-1.4

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81 per cent Exchequer Stock, 1981

NCB takeover of investment trust The bid by the National Coal Board Pension Funds for the 175m British Investment Trust

will now seek meetings with the management of BIT, which has won the support of more than 75 per cent of the share-holders and was declared unconditional last night.

Full extent of the votes in favour of the bid will not be known at least until today because of the time taken to collect the acceptances lodged in has been vigorously resisting the offer.
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Commercial Union rights 82pc taken up Shareholders took up 82.7 per cent of Commercial Union's lect the acceptances lodged in branches of the Midland, rights issue. The shares were Clydesdale and Northern banks.

In addition, the offer for the 48.536,430 were accepted. The

In brief

and has belped to raise the company's solvency ratio to about 52 per cent. CU said it was delighted with the way the issue had gone. premium over the offer price for shares not taken up and being extended. By last night for shares not taken sold was 73p a share, which carry nine votes

Gloomy forecast by

The continuing and unex-pected depressed state of Britain's mechanical engineering industry-with new orders

in Threadneedle Street, which is claimed to be the most advanced of its kind, was opened by Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the chairman, ysterday. It is intended that the computerized system will be gradually extended to dealing operations in all NatWest centres.

National Westminster Bank's new foreign exchange dealing room

against one for each ordinary share and therefore account for 25 per cent of total votes, amounted to 1.2 million. The Coal Board pensions funds engineering Neddy

arriving at a low rate and production declining—has forced the industry's little Neddy to make a substantial downward revision of its forecasts for the

next year.

The group's short term trends working party in its latest report said new orders were now expected to show only a 12-13 per cent increase this year, with a further rise of issue was worth £73.8m to CU, about 5 per cent in 1978.

Plea on Fay in Crown

Agents appeal case

The Crown Agents were lleged in the Appeal Court esterday to have lent

security and to have agreed to

postpone indefinitely repayment of interest on the loan, which was made to Murray-fields Securities Ltd in Decem-

yesterday **52,400,0**00

ber. 1973.

the sureries.

repay the loan.

Viaduct, London.

Banking union split deepens after Nube boycotts bargaining talks

now have hardened. The em-

Nube is pursing claims directly with the English clear-ing banks instead of acting through the staff council. The

two main claims are for local negotiations in the Channel Islands, particularly because they are exempt from pay restrictions, and a claim on the

By Christopher Thomas
Inter-union hostility in banking deepened further yesterday

National Westinster and
Borclays, accused Nube of
existing negotiating after the National Union of Bank Employees (Nube) boycotted a meeting of the Banking Staff Council, the union side of the bargaining structure. The meeting was abandoned because

The decision against taking part cemented Nube's previous decision to withdraw from all ment on fundamental issues joint bargaining machinery shared with the staff associa-tions at Lloyds, Barclays and National Westminster. now have nationed. The em-ployers are deeply concerned at the prospect of a complete breakdown in the bargaining machinery, which seems virtu-ally unavoidable.

The withdrawal, while subject to a formal period of notice that expires in March, is now fully effective. The big question is: what happens in March. The options are for the banking Staff Council to continue without Nube or for it to cease operation in its present form. Mr Wilfrid Aspinall, general secretary of the Confederation of Bank Staff Associations, comprises

interest in UK

watch invention

A new British concept in

watch and clockmaking which

links electronic precision with

the appearance of a traditional

dial, and vet uses no moving

parts, may be adopted for

volumeproduction by an elec-

tronic watch company in the

The inventor is Mr Nicholas

Murrell, managing director of

Murrell Dynamics, an Edin-burgh-based research and de-

velopment firm which is a sub-

sidiary of Scottish Homes Investment Company. Both Mr Murrell and Mr John Terry, managing director of Scottish

Introducing his final report as director of the National Devel-

opment Programme in Com-puter Assisted Learning

puter Assisted Learning (NDPCAL) in London yester-day, Mr Richard Rooper said

that there had been a success

rate of about 70 per cent in following-through specific pro-

jects jato coatinued use in uni-

versities, colleges and other

The five-year programme has cost about £2.6m, was spon-

sored by seven government de-

partments, and was the largest educational technology pro-

gramme ever funded in the

When the programme fin-

ishes at the end of this month, the Council for Educational

Technology will take over re-sponsibility for coordinating computer-assisted learning in

Thirty-five development pro-

institutions.

United Kingdom.

were formerly, with

United States.

ciations, qualifying time for overtime Lloyds, payments in the banks (at Americans show

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Dec 12

This is the conclusion of the energy department of the Euroo Commission, headed by Guido Brunner, one of the two German Commissioners, on the basis of information from its own sources and confiden-tial soundings among the main industrialized countries.

The coming Opec conference is to be discussed at tomorrow's

The employers have proposed an inquiry into staff relations

machinery. Mr Leif Mills, Nube general secretary, said: "We have decided there is no Nube general secretary, said:
"We have decided there is no point in having any more staff council meetings."

The rift was deepened over "The only way national negotations can cease is by a resolution of the Banking Staff Council. A resolution has never been tabled. The council will continue until it is terminated continue until it is terminated by an extraordinary resolution."
That view, however, was challenged by Mr Mills who thought it was unlikely that the staff council would continue in its present form. "I do not think the banks would want to go through the charade of negotiating only with the staff assotiating only with the staff asso-ciations."

The staff associations wanted discussions at yesterday's council on the removal of anomalies. The meeting was abandoned after waiting the re-

Opec price standstill or small rise forecast

Maintenance of all prices at their present level for at least a part of 1978, or alternatively a modest increase of between 3 to 5 per cent, is the most likely outcome of the meeting of the Organization of Petrol-eum Exporting Countries in Caracas on December 20.

Computer news

tertiary education, schools, the

armed services, industrial train-

ing and general transferability.

The main industry-related project involved the CAMOL (Computer Assisted Management Of Learning) software

which was developed by a team

In its five-year life the pro-

from International Computers.

gramme had come a long way

away from the original United

States view of computer-assisted learning as merely

computer-based programmed instruction. Mr Hooper com-

power of the computer when used for simulation appeared

most significant; this could be

applied to a wide range of sub-jects from complicated chemi-

Highlights of the 1977 Results

Sales up 23° to a New Record

£100 million Spent on Factories

5,000 New Jobs Created in UK

Direct Exports from the UK up 25%

Two-thirds of Lucas business now

Pre-tax Profits up 38%

at Home and Abroad

to £140 million

arises Overseas

Thirty-five development projects from complicated chemi-bureau basis by Rank Hovis jects and feasibility studies are cal processes and engineering McDougall Management Serlisted in the report, covering systems to biomedical studies. vices at Harlow, Essex; for the

In particular, the

Lucas 1977

meeting here of EEC energy ministers at which Britain will be represented by Mr Tony Benn. Dr Brunner is expected to orge ministers to reaffirm the importance attached by the EEC to stable oil prices for the recovery of world economic activity.

The Commission believes that a clear signal from the EEC and other industrialized countries could strengthen significantly the hand of those within Opec, led by Saudi Arabia and Iran, who are arguing for a freeze on oil prices,
According to the Commission,
a freeze is also favoured by the

three countries forming United Arab Emirates (Dhabi, Bahrain and Qat Dhabi, Bahrain and Qatar), Kuwait and Indonesia,

No revolutions for computer-

assisted and computer-managed

dicted or prescribed, the direc-tor reported. A period of gradual growth was required, geared to finances available,

teacher commitment, changing curricula and changing tech-

The British Library is setting

up a private data communica-

access to its computer-based

information service, known as Blaise, from Birmingham, Boston Spa, Edinburgh, London

and Manchester.
Blaise (British Library Auto-

mated Information Service) was recently inaugurated by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for

Education and Science. It uses

the computing power of an IBM 370 Model 145 provided on a

A Common Interest in Lucas

This year for the first time we have separated the Chairman's Review from the formal Annual Report and Accounts and we have considerably expanded the Review

with the intention that it should, in a single document,

also to the wider audience which includes, among others,

suppliers, customers, financial institutions and the press,

The principal reasons for this important change are that

its future that is shared by employees and shareholders. If you would like a copy of the Review, entitled "Lucus 1977", with or without the formal Report and Accounts, would you please contact our Public Relations

we believe industry must respond to the demands for

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more open conduct of its affairs, and we wanted to emphasise particularly the common interest in Lucas and

as well as members of the public, who are the ultimate

consumers of so much of our product.

provide the kind of information which concerns both shareholders and employees. It will, we hope, be of interest

and Its Future

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onel agreement made by the Crown Agents and Murrayfields fave days after the loan agreeinsufficient ment.

Mr Swift said that the oral agreement stemmed from the Crown Agents' refusal to accept immediate repayment of the excess loan.

The Crown Agents had agreed not to enforce coverants for the repayment of the principal or interest on the loan, against either Murrayfields or the

either Murrayfields or the sureties, before the mortgaged properties had been sold.

Sir Robert Megarry had held there was no hint of such an agreement in the correspondence between the parties.

But, Mr. Swift said, the sureties wished to introduce, as additional evidence in the appeal, the Fay Report on the Crown Agents.

ber, 1973.

After it had been made, the Crown Agents were told that it was between £700,000 and £800,000 more than the company in fact needed.

But, Mr Lionel Swift, QC, said the Crown Agents refused to accept immediate repayment. Mr Swift was appearing for the sureties for the loan, who are challenging a judgment of Sir Robert Megarry, the Vice-Chancellor, last May, awarding the Crown Agents' company, Four Millbank Nominees, which conducted the loan transaction, £2,400,000 against the sureties. Crown Agents. It appeared to show that the trappeared to show that the Crown Agents were participating in transactions of a very similar kind, he said.

Mr Swift said that the oral The Crown Agents had taken

legal action against the sureries after Murrayfields failed to agreement had been made with Mr Bernard Wheatley on behalf of the Crown Agents. Mr Wheat-ley had resigned from the Crown Agents in January, 1975. The sureties are Mr Philip Frederick and Mr Hyman Solomons, both of Roebück House, Palace Street, West-minster, and 53-57 Baker Street Subsequently be faced criminal charges in connexion with matters with which he had been concerned white employed by the Crown Agents. They were not connected with the present (Investments) Ltd, of Holborn They are contending that the Vice-Chancellor did not deal with an important question of fact concerning an alleged

The hearing continues today.

EEC study of regional aid

By Our Industrial Editor

sion is expected to submit a document to the European Council on general regional aid

A group of general practi-

tioners in Exeter and a research team at Newcastle University, were presented with the British

Computer Society's computing awards for 1977 at the society's

recent annual dinner at Imperial College, London.

The Exeter Community Health Computer Project, based

on two hospitals and two health

centres, provides doctors with

access to medical records via

80 visual display units linked to an ICL 1904A.

At Newcastle, Professor Brian Randell and his group in the university computing laboratory won the second award, which is

for technical achievement in

the development of computing.

BCS awards

panded regional development fund for 1978, which the Council of Ministers has just doubled by value in sterling terms. Britain will contribute 21 per cent of the enlarged

A review of Britain's methods of encouraging regional development by aids to industry has been started by the European Commission. A first step has been a formal request for statistical information. tical information.

Early next year the Commis-

£2.6m assisted learning programme bows out

strike fails By Our Northern Industrial

An initiative by shop stewards day when stewards from Liver

The strike by 2,000 workers at Speke, Liverpool, has cause the lay-off of another 1,500 em-ployees there and of a further 2,000 at Coventry. All production of the TR7

models at Liverpool and the Dolomite range at Coventry is stopped and so far losses are running at about \$40m on both

The Coventry plant is hit be cause body shells for the Dolo-Kenneth Owen mite are manufactured on Mar-

> that have been introduced by Leyland at Liverpool, after

ring the past five weeks.
Yesterday the Coventry
stewards invited management
officials and stewards from Liverpool to meet them today at Keele, Staffordshire, for what they described as "exploratory talks". But by last night the strike leaders at Liverpool had made it clear that they had no

Anti-dumping plea on imports of chinboard

Whitehall officials are discussing with the European Com-mission the possibility of impos-ing anti-dumping measures against imports of wood chip-board from Sweden and Spain. The British Wood Chipboard

"The difficulties facing the chipboard industry include the rapid erosion of its home market shares by low-priced imports from major European pro-ducers", said a spokesman.

Business appointments

Changes at Leopold Joseph Holdings

Mr C. R. W. Freet has become chairman and managing director of B. Fogarty and Co. He was previously deputy chairman and managing director. Mr A. S. Jolliffe has been made a director. on the has been made a director.

Mr D. Fowler and Mr
Alastair Bentail have joined the
locard of Bentails.

Mr Harvey Gordon is now a
director of the Henley Centre for

Peace move on Triumph next three years or so it will run in parallel with the library's Merlin system which is being developed on Computel's ICL 2960.

at Leyland's Triumph car plant at Coventry aimed at trying to set up fresh talks today on the dispute at the company's Merseyside works, which is now in its sixth week, failed yesterpool refused to attend the meeting.

The dispute centres on new manning and work schedules

engineers. Various attempts to find a peace formula have failed durintention of attending.

A Leyland management spokesman said: "The manage-ment was ready to talk".

Manufacturers' Association said vesterday it had supplied evidence to the Department of Trade and was urging action.

Mr R. Herbert has become a director of Leopold Joseph Holdings and will succeed Sir Hugh Weeks as chairman in the latter part of 1978.

Mr V. Y. Sytnikov has been made a director of the Moscow Narodny Bank.

Mr S. V. Toynbe is now a local director of Singer & Friedlander.

Mr Terry Green has been made managing director of Williams Lea Offset.

Mr C. R. W. Fleet has become

Mr C. R. W. Fleet has

director of the Henley Centre for Forecasting.

Air Sydney L. Alexander has been made associate director of the Heine Brothers Organisation.

Air Basil N. Eckhard, general manager of the Leicester Building Society, has been made a director.

Air Raoul A. Civrays, has joined the board of Scotcros.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How UK foots the bill in its trade with the Poles

Sir, Two recent, but quite separate episodes illustrate well where attempts to increase trade with East European countries of the control of

First was a story to The Sun-day Times that Poland's shops were short of 734,000 pairs of much needed boots this winter even though they had been on firm order. The reason they were short apparently was that British based importers had got their orders in first.

The boot in question is a copy of a design that originated in this country some years ago, and supplies could perfectly well have been provided by our own factories. That they was not in because the Poles ere nor is because the Poles price their footwear at what-ever level is needed to ensure that they sell here.

In fact imports of footwear from Poland which have grown in recent years to 4.5 million pairs have deprived over 3,000

British workers of their jobs and are costing us f8m a year in foreign exchange. However, it seems that if we are to import from them, at least we will export ships in return; the taxpayer is apparently to provide some £28m to ensure

to provide some £28m to ensure that we can do this.

The result of these transactions will be that the Polish people will have to do without their shoes; the Poles will get ships at a price which will enable them to undercut freight rates charged by our own ships, presumably putting our own seemen out of jobs. British footwest workers will continue to be wear workers will continue to be unemployed; and the British taxpeyer will fork out heavily to finance it all.

Such are the blessings of trade with East Europe.

Yours faithfully. Yours faithfully,

W. N. S. CALVERT. British Footwear Manufacturers Royalry House, 72 Dean Street, London W1V 5HB.

The onus of proof in such a case could be difficult to estab-

lish in these days of sophisti-cated technology. The whole basis of the EEC draft direc-tive and the Strasbourg Convention on Product Liabi-lity is to shift the enus of

quate steps to reduce his product liability hexards will have

national agreement (including Russia's) which might be diffi-

cult and would certainly be

time-consuming to obtain.

I do not believe that techno-

logical advances as Horace Cutler suggests—or any other

little to fear. Yours faithfully,

HOWARD ABBOTT,

Corpwail PL35 OBH.

Taking adequate steps to reduce product liabilities tract with bim. His alternative would lie in tort but here he

Sir, In Mr Fatharly's letter (December 6 Dangers faced (December 6 "Dangers faced by manufacturers in product liability proposals") he says: "It appears to me that there is little wrong with the present system where ageneyed parties can sue manufacturers in con-tract or common law, or both, where death or injury result from a product defect."

proof from the consumer to the manufacturer, importer or exporter. If the law so changes then the responsible manufac-turer who sets out to take ade-But it is in this septence that the problem lies. Under contract the aggrieved party can sue under the Sale of Goods Act. So that if one bought a borrie of lemonade and drank it and became ill as a result then the purchaser could sue the manufacturer.

Bur if he gave some of the lemonade to a friend who became ill the friend could not sue under the Sale of Goods Act because he had no con-

Try again for the tunnel From Sir Eugene Melville from American experience); and it would require inter-

Sir, I strongly support the views on a Channel tunnel expressed by Sir John Colville (December 8).

When the relative merits of bridge and tunnel were being studied during the period when I was special adviser on the Channel Tunnel in the early 1970s, the decision was firmly in favour of a tunnel.
While technically feasible, a
bridge would start by being at least twice as expensive as a tunnel and would carry excep-tional risks of cost escalation; it would cause puracceptable

hazards to shipping even with Longcroft, advanced newsgathousel alde (as Addeburgh, my colleague on the Chesa-peake Bay bridge warned us December 2.

BUGENE- MELVILLE.

Yours faithfully,

Bureaucrats pillory the landowner

From Mr D. H. Duckworth

Sir, Professor Chisholm's (November 24) thinking on taxation of detellct land is regrettable as such eminent recommendations must be influential on his future graduates, the majority of whom I suspect will eventually fill out the ranks of the expanding bureaucracy. Mr Wilk's letter is also typical of negative thinking. If one plucks the chicken one gets less not more eggs.

Taxation has never encouraged anyone to do smything positive. The penal rating of empty property is typical of this thinking. It matters not what has been done to selicate the property, it is assumed From Mr D. H. Duckworth

or let property, it is assumed the owner is deliberately keep-ing it empty because it is ing it empty because it is empty. No owner in his right senses leaves land or property empty or derelict for the fun

of it. There are always good reasons why. In the vast majority of cases with land it is because the planners are making it impossible to create a viable scheme. The planners will say visibility is not their scene.
They do not know nor cars
what the land or property market requires in the business

It is difficult to understand why authorities do not use their compolsory powers to acquire such derelict land. Perhaps it is easier and better politics for bureaucracy to pil-lory the owner rather than do something positive in the mat-Yours faithfully,

D. H. DUCKWORTH, PO Box 12, St Austell, Cornwall. December 2

Creating the climate for success in engineering

From the President of The Institution of Civil Engineers Sir, The remarks of Mr Gor-don Oakes, Minister of State, Department of Education and

don Oakes, Mansfer of State, Department of Education and Science, on the occasion of awarding prizes at a schools design competition (The Times, November 18) are unhelpful both to the health of engineering in Britain and as careers advice to those boys and girls who have potential creative gifts.

Industrial success depends upon creativity throughout engineering, with comparable esteem for those who make valuable contributions, whatever their relative dependence upon the use of "brain" or of "hand-and-eye". Mr Oakes displays symptoms of the very "classicists' syndrome", which he deplores, by implying incompatibility between creativity and high academic engineering attainment.

With two of our sister institutions we are actively supporting "One Windows on

With two of our sister institutions we are actively supporting "Open Windows on
Engineering", a scheme whereby young engineers are going,
by invitation, into the schools
not to recruit but to share
some of their own experience
of the nature of engineering.
The object is to enable boys
and girls to aim towards points
of entry into engineering
appropriate to their talents;
they may be confused now by
Mr. Oakes who seems to
present engineering as comwould have to prove that the manufacturer had been negli-

present engineering as com-mercial art. mercial art.

The two most immediate, and associated, causes of the weaknesses of the contribution by engineering graduares in certain areas of manufacturing and extraction industries are:

(a) industrial direction being dominated by tactical accountancy instead of strategical engineering and,

(b) the suspicions of the practical men a (and women)

in the industries. Victory over these defects, essential for our industrial well-being, and to avoid social alienation, will not be helped by Mr Oakes's contribution. I couched on these and simi-lar threads of the pressing social responsibilities of politicians and engineers in my recent presidential address to this institution. I would like no recognize Mr Oakes as an ally in these objectives. Yours,

A. M. MUIR WOOD. Great George Street, London SW1P 3AA. November 29.

The dangers

changes in the few years that have since elepsed materially affect this decision. I still have wages explosion no haskation in preferring a tunnel. We nearly got it in 1974 and we should try again now that the EEC have From Professor D. S. Lees.

Sir You say (December 6, page 17) that "If earnings rise significantly above the 10 per cent rarget, then price inflation will once again begin to accelerate next summer." That

As you yourself, sir, have correctly said on many occusions, price inflation depends **some** previous increase in the money supply. If the current expansion of the money supply of 13 per cent per annum continues, then dry per annum continues, then dry prices (next summer, or the nor summer after) will not rise by mis-much more or less then that 'si'

figure. Should trade unions force up earnings at a fester rate, then unemployment, not prices, will rise: A wages explosion will produce an unemployment explosion, as long as the

money supply is kept under control.

Is there not a message here for trade union leaders? Do they really want so many of their members out of work?

To say nothing of the hapless vicinus who are not members of trade unions. of trade unions. Yours faithfully, DENNIS LEES,
Department of Industrial Eco-

nomics, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Why Unilever wants **National Starch**

Engine Unilever is to a large extent hoist with its own petard. The group is so large and camorphous capital employed in 1976 was a shade under £3,000m and turnover was £8,730m that almost any acquisition is likely to be a mere bagatelle on any overall view. So even though it is paying up to at \$485m cash for National Starch, that will not fundamentally alter Unilever's structure To achieve what is nevertheless a bold step by any standards, Unilever is still having to pay a fairly handsome price. Net earnings last year at National Starch were sarving they rise to only something over \$4 in 1977 Unilever is taking the company out on around 183 times earnings on the purchase price of \$73.50. With financhig costs of 41 per cent on the new preferred stock—which could account for Oake up to a fifth of the total purchase cost—and the roughly similar after tax cost of the bor-

implying rowings to fund the balance, National Starch

lever's 1976 earnings.



Sir David Oce, chairman of Unilever Ltd.

At the same time there is a hefty \$335m goodwill element in the purchase cost which will need to be written off Unilever's balance sheet. Half the purchase cost will be financed from Unilever NV's liquid resources and the rest will be met by boralon rowing in the United States, so with only bard some \$40m of debt in National Starch's balance sheet the effect on Unilever will be to wraise gearing around 9 points to 38 per cent. What makes National Starch that sort of

prize? Although the growth in earnings from \$2.23 to \$3.74 over the past five years is not quite as impressive as Unilever suggests, the long-term earnings record—13 per cent a year over the past 20 years—is nothing to argue with and a glance at the working capital, stock and other balance sheet ratios indicates that National Starch's management is every bit as good as Unilever

For Unilever the acquisition provides it with an entrée not only to the United States but also the fast growing starch market (rising at 7 to 9 per cent a year) which so attracted Tate & Lyle to Manbré & Garton, particularly when any hopes of moving into the EEC starch market have been stunted by the recent levy decision.

At the same time the deal gives an indus-trial leg to Unilever's existing consumerorientated United States interests and the fact that it will add some 23 per cent ing American sales and more than a half to profits speaks volumes for the sort of pressure the Lever detergent side is facing. Meanwhile the financing of the deal heavenue the manning of the dear has should go smoothly. Assuming the Green-has wall family and a few others take the paper has option the cash element will be around have \$400m and Unileyer should have no trouble in raising perhaps half that in the American in capital market. One point also worth noting

about the deal is that Unilever appears to have found an elegant way round United States tax rules by offering the preference

Harrisons & Crosfield

A counter move for Malayalam

Harrisons & Crosfield has been pushed into full scale bid for its associate Malayalam Plantations (Holdings), valuing the comcontest and raise its latest offer of 25ip a share to above H & C's 30p cash alternative, or bow out gracefully. But there is a good chance it will be content to take a gross profit of over £1m on the exercise.

The H & C counter bid which has been accepted by Malayalam's board, has all the signs of being a lock out. Clearly H & C. is anxious to have the business over and done with as quickly as possible.

As I mentioned last week, the bid does appear to have exposed a damaging gap in the myriad of cross holdings in the H & C empire. H & C only holds a direct stake of 13 per cent, but that is taken up to 23.64 per cent when the holdings of other associates are taken into account. particular instance has shown that 23 per cent is not high enough to fend off a determined bidder.

Most of the associates are more tightly held but there is one in particular-Harcros -where H & C could be vulnerable. H & C has a direct stake of 19.7 per cent, which is taken up to 22 per cent when associated holdings are taken into account. Harcros is considerably more important in the H & C empire than Malayalam and, apart from anything else, has strategic stakes in

some of the other associated companies.

For example, while H & C and associates control 50 per cent of Castlefield, that figure is cut back to 35 per cent if Harcros's holding is stripped out and the 39 per cent holding in London Sumatra is cut to 30 per cent on the same basis. Harcros also accounts for 4.4 per cent of the equity of Harrisons Malaysian Estates.

Harcros is therefore of key strategic significance. It would be far too important for H & C to allow it to leave the fold.

● The coal boord pension funds' bid for British Investment Trust may not be quite home and dry—for that it would need more than 90 per cent to take out the minority-but with something over 75 per cent accept ances, and more possibly to come from preference holders and those accepting through bank branches, the funds at least han

enough to ensure success for an extraordinary meeting to put the trust in liquidation.

That will come as a great relief in the stock market this morning, for a considerable weight of money is riding on the success, both of this bid and that by British Rail Pension Funds, for Edinburgh and Dundee. There has already been significant buying on the assumption that both bids would go through and that more buying would follow as speculators moved in.

The average discount has narrowed by point or more from around 27 per cent two weeks ago, and the expectation is that, with these bids out of the way, it will narrow

Much still depends on the Edinburgh and Dundee bid which closes today, but Britraüpen is already known to account for at least 58 per cent of the trust and could have a lot more, so the omens are good

Interest rates

MLR in the

The yield on three month Tressury bills dropped to 51 per cent yesterday, opening up the possibility of a small cut in MLR this week. But the market is doing no more than keeping an open mind on the situation at this early stage in the week and, as I suggested, yesterday, the authorities may well prefer to hold MLR steady for several more weeks yet.

After all, it was only last Thursday that the Chancellor pronounced that 7 per cent was an appropriate rate for MLR and likely to remain so for some time to come. And given the way that mooted quarter-point drops in MLR tend to turn into half-point reductions before one can say Treasury bill, the authorities may well be loath to see any change in the rate unless there is substantial

True, there is the new short "tap" on the launching pad for Thursday, but the market's enthusiasm, or lack of it, for the new stock is more likely to be determined by labour developments over the next forty-eight hours and tomorrow's November trade pany at £8.15m, to keep it from falling into eight hours and tomorrow's November trade the clutches of McLeod Russel. McLeod figures, about which there is already a has yet to say whether it will stay in the certain amount of apprehension.

Safety Statfjord

of the Anglo-Norwegian Stati-jerd oil field, which with estimated reserves of 3,900 million barrels is the largest discovered in the North Sea, should soon be removed.

The Statoil/Mobil group is submitting plans for a second field platform to the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD). The state oil company, hopes that the designs will be approved without delay and that orders for the B platform can be placed early next year.

If so, a new field development plan should be ready for
approval by the Norwegian
Parliament before the end of

North Sea will be watching the moves closely. Not only does part of the field lie in the British sector (Conoco, Gulf and the British National Oil Corporation together have an 11.11 per cent share in the plans have been revised in the light of the NPD's well-publi-cized objections to the safety standards of platforms combin-

Originally, it was intended to develop the field using three concrete platforms, each cap-able of handling 300,000 bar-rels of oil a day. The first of these—the A platform—is still being fitted our after being towed into position in May. Christened belatedly by the Norwegian Prime Minister, Mr Odvar Nordli last month, it is expected to begin production

However, 12 months ago as the A platform neared complewere being heid wen Norwegian contractors and the Aker
Group for the B platform—Sectoff/Mobil received a terse and
totally unexpected letter from
the NPD directing their a separata living quarters platform
should be provided with Starfired R

The new order had to be postponed. Additional safety features had to be built into the A platform, which was fur-

Statol now says that despits the NPD's directive, it is confidently submitting designs for an integrated platform with production, drilling and living areas combined. It will be a

areas combined. It will be a four-legged concrete structure, of the Condeep type.

The deck will be larger than thet of the A platform, but production capacity—at 150,000 burrels a day—will be half.

Mr Arne Helvorsen, Sestedly information manager, and she Mr Arne Helvorsen, Scenot's information manager, said that regular discussions had been held with the NPD, which now appears to be reconciled to the view that adequate safety measures can be incorporated Whatever the outcome, the field development plan will need to be revised. Almost certainly a third production plat-

form will be ordered.

Whether more follow remains to be seen. It seems likely, though, that Statoll/ Mobil will reduce the production profile of the field and extend its life. Also to be decided is how, in

the long-term, to bring the oil sahore. When production sures it will be transported in tankers, but Statoll is leading a study to consider the feasibilities. Ity of a pipeline to Norway.

The terminal would be at Sorra, outside Bergen, which is also being considered as the site for a condensate plant. As Mr Halvorsen explained, the finel decision on a pipeline is closely linked to whether other reserves are found in the

Starfjord grea. Early geological indications are favourable, but the study, due to be completed by antimin next year, is con-centrating on the difficulties of putting a pipeline across the

David Blake on the widening gap between aim and achievement in the world economy

When will the drift be halted?

been attracting most attention on the world's financial markets in the past few weeks, but it is the far more serious plight of the world economy as a whole which is now posing a really dangerous threat to the world's economic and trading

It is a year and a half since the industrial nations of the West agreed, on paper at least, on how they would strive to direct their economies towards reasonably full employment combined with price stability by 1980.

Since that time they have consistently failed to meet the very limited target which they set themselves in that prowhich called for growth in the 24 nations of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development to average around 51 per cent a year in the period from 1975 to

Only in 1976, as table 1 shows, have the countries of the West come reasonably close to their target. That is had in with each passing year the gap

when the economic experts have met to assess the future; they have been presented with new figures taking a gloomier view of what is likely to happen in the 18 months ahead. The comparison between the July forecast (table 1) and the latest available OECD estimates (table 2), which were discussed to the state of the second of the recently at a meeting of the OECD's economic policy committee in Paris, shows how the picture has deteriorated in just a few mouths.

The process has now reached a stage where it has become self-fulfilling with the failure in one year to achieve reasonable growth making it impossible to reach the targets for the subsequent year. The forecasts in table 2 are the best estimate available of what will happen by governments are continued into next year. But it is already accepted that the second half of 1977 has been so dreadful, and the lack of demand within the economies of Europe is now accepted that the whole of so severe, that the whole of 1978 has already passed out of

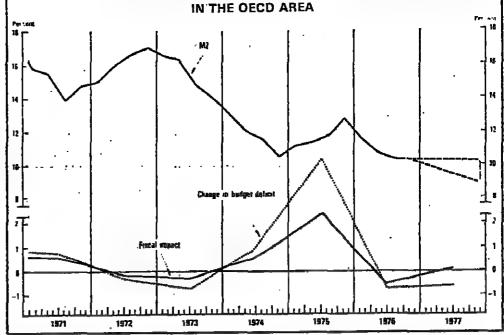
Optimists no longer talk seriously of preventing unemployment from rising during 1978: they merely say that if they succeed in persuading govern-ments of the need to act then they might be able to get econ-omic growth in the first part of 1979 up to a lavel where un-employment will full or at least stabilize. Even if they were to suc-

prospect of the West bringing down its unemployment level to something in line with its traditional postwar experience until well into the 1980s. The world experienced nearly a decade of mass unemplo during the 1930s, and it is almost certain that the almost certain that the (admittedly milder) recession of the 1970s and 1980s will last

as long. One of the striking features of the present experience has been that a growing number of governments have not just come to believe that it would be unwise to act to stimulate demand by fiscal means, because of the danger of inflation, but actually now argue that such measures can have no effect.

The chart ("Cyclical development of monetary and fiscal indicators in the OECD area "*), reproduced from the report by leading economists under Professor Paul Mc-John Huxley

Cracken, casts grave doubts on this view. It shows clearly that from late 1973, when it became



CYCLICAL DEVELOPMENT OF MONETARY AND FISCAL INDICATORS

apparent that the impact of the oil crisis would be to impose a severe contractionary effect on western economies, the fiscal stance of the major governments within the OECD became regulity more expansionary until steadily more expansionary until the middle of 1975.

This expansionary stance was followed by a real expansion of the economies of the West, which by the end of 1975 were growing at around 5 per cent a year. "What would have happened if the western nations had pursued expan-sionism will be one of the great might-have been questions for years to come; for they did not. In the second half of 1975, fearing that the recovery was starting to proceed too fast, the industrial nations started to throttle back. Some were more enthusiastic about the process than others, but the constraints imposed by the world payments system meant that country fter country was forced to fall

Those countries which were most willing to restrict domestic demand, such as Japan and Germany, relied on demand in other countries to provide their growth; having cut domestic demand and switched resources into exports they then pro-ceeded to move into payments surplus. This accommend the ceeded to move into payments surplus. This accontrated the deficit of those countries which had not restricted output at home because they argued that a strong growth of output was needed to re-start the investment which would be needed to provide sustainable growth. In retrospect, the recovery of late 1975 and early 1976 looks a great deal more fragile than it appeared at the time, particularly to those who feared that the world would repeat the missake of the early 1970s and allow excessively rapid expan-

restrictive measures run-down in activity, Although this does not prove that chenges

in the stance of government cause changes in the level of activity, there is a strong pattern of coincidence in recent years between the two. It also gives at least a reasonable degree of credibility to those who argue that if recovery is to proceed at a more rapid pace it will only happen through expansionary policies. There is, however, no realistic prespect of these being tried. such as Germany are right to disbelieve the efficiency of stimulatory policies they have

stimulatory policies they have shown no sign of being willing to change their policies. Their position is that they hope they have done enough to secure growth of 4; per cent in 1978, but that if they have not there is really nothing to be done. In practice, there is no way in which it is possible for the other countries of the West to force the Germans to try to expand more than they feel is right; and there is only a little that can be done to force any that can be done to force any action from the other major surplus country, Japan.

The Japanese have become the whipping boys of the world because of the extent to which they have been failing to meet promises of growth which they have made to the rest of the world, and even more the have continued to rise and their imports to fall even though they say that they are

The \$10,000m surplus Japan this year will probably be followed by a similar surplus in 1978 unless some definite

The danger is that the only kind of action which can in practice be taken will be for the rest of the world to deal with the Japanese surplus by measures designed to reduce Japanese exports which do nothing to increase the output nothing to increase the output of the world as a whole. The financial markets have been doing this to some extent al-ready, with their enforced ready, with their enforced decline in the value of the dol-

parity means is that the international money markets believe that the United States cannot go on being the only primary source of expansion.

This view is rapidly gaining

This view is rapidly gaining ground in some official circles as well, and although United States government officials continue to promise that come what may in Europe they will go on expanding their promises are being treated with increasing scepticism.

The decline of the dollar will do something to push the

do something to push the burden of supporting the world away from America and towards other countries. The

other force which is now gathering strongth at quite ter-rifying speed is the drift to protectionism. Whether by pseudo-voluntary "agree-ments" between the United States and Japan, or whether by a unilateral imposition of protection, the Americans are likely to act very soon to slow

the Japanese are the most obvious examples of a country obvious examples of a country which exports voraciously, they which exports voraciously, they are not the only ones not can they really choose not to do so. For beneath Japan there are now a whole range of countries, many of them on the perimeter of China, all of which have seized the opportunity provided by the ready transference of technology to build up their industries. industries.

For these countries, the fact that the major source of capital has moved to the oil-producing countries' investments in the international capital markets, ally oriented generation of capital within the corporate sector of the industrialized ing has become easier in recent

is the need to change its indus-trial structure perhaps more rapidly than ever before to cope rapidly than ever before to cope with the competition of a new force in industry; the policy it has actually pursued has been one of restriction and slow-down. It is no wonder that the forecast for next year looks black.

*Towards full employment and price stability published by the OECD, Paris.

TABLE 1 THE OECD'S JULY FORECAST . . .

Growth of real GNP (percentage change at		From previ	r	From previous half-year		
annuel rate)	1974	1975	1978	1977	1977 (2nd halt)	1978 (1st half)
United States	2.1	-1.8	6.1	51	51	5 <u>‡</u>
Japan .	-1.8	2.4	8.3	51	7	6
Germany	0.4	-3.2 .	5.6	4	37	38
France(a)	3.9	0.1	5.2	3	3 .	3.
United Kingdom(a)	0.1	-1.8	1.4	1	21	11
Italy(a)	3.2	-3.5	5.6	21	1	<u>ā</u> .
Canada	2.8	1.1	4,9	3	3	42-
All above countries	-0.6	-1.1	5.5	43	43	41
Other OECD countries	2.7	-0.5	2.9	21	_	_
Total OECD	-0.1	-1.0	5.2	. 4	41	4

TABLE 2 ... AND THE NEW OECD ESTIMATES*

	1977 (2nd haif)	(18t haif)	1978 (2nd half)
United States	4	45	3}
Germany	3	31	23
United Kingdom	32	3	21
Europe ·	21	8	21-21
Total OECD	31	4	3
Subject to revision be	efore inclusion	in OECD Ed	conomic Outloo

Business Diary: Present tense • Honkers and Shankers

The taxman has stooped John Wilhelmy from making what for more than 200 budding tycoons would have been the Christmas present of their lives.

Wilhelmy, Business Diary readers may remember, had planned to give away his profitable shopfitting business in Peterborough because, he said, he was fed up spending one day a week on government red

The six people on the shortlist for receiving the firm—which employs 12; no debts, a full order book and a possible turnover this year of £200,000—law beet told there's no giveaway after all. Withelmy has been told after

months of argument with the Inland. Revenue that even if he gives away the bosiness he would have to pay £30,000 in sife.

He has decided instead to hire somebody to do the paperwork for him something he could have done months ago without raising the hopes of the 200 applicants only to dash them. But then there wouldn't have been all the lovely publicity,

That inscrutable oriental institution, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, opened a new branch in London's Chinatown yesterday. The celebrations, in Gerrard Street, Soho, were marked by a lion dance, the traditional accompaniment to Chinese celebrations. The "lion", which consisted members of a Kung-Fu association, was energetic, but exceedingly politie: as the tape was cut by Mrs D. C. Bray, wife of the Hongkong Government ommissioner in London, it was elaborately, and then



A lion in Soho: members of the Pak Mei Kung Fu Association whose lion dance opened a new branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in London yesterday.

atop a prosaic Metropolitan Police "No Waiting" cone.

The branch is close to. another Chinese bank, the Dao Heng, but Peter Hutson, resident executive director of the Honkers and Shankers in London, says that they found the Pall Mall premises too small to accommodate the growth in Chinese business, and since Gerrard Street is the heart of London's Chinese—and restaur-ant—trade where much Chinese money is made, this was the place to open a further central London office.

The new branch expects to

handle a lot of remittance trade, as the local Chinese queue up on payday to send their profits

posed for an admiring public day of further British munificence towards shipbuilders in South Korea.

The Export Credits Guarantee Department is to back a \$9.7m loan by Lloyds Bank In-ternational to finance contracts placed by Hyundai, South Korea's rapidly growing ship-building colorsus with United building colossus, with United Kingdom suppliers for goods and services involved in the establishment of a marine diesel. engine building plant at Ulsan. Economic Affairs set up under The new engine plant is Lord George-Brown in the

rimed to open in 1980 when world overcapacity in shipbuilding will be at its worst. The Koreans will be helped thereby aimed et translating Flanna to make mincement out of Fail's election promises into engine builders as they have reality. Drawing up plans is, of engine builders as they have reality. been doing of shipbuilders.

Professor Martin O'Donoghue, the brains behind the elecsition yesterday wrangled over
the terms of that Polish shipbuilding deal, there is news to-

noted for ideas than for action.
O'Donoghue may have misjudged the blocking power of bureaucracy when appoint

fessor at Trinity College, Dublin, and now MP and

and Development, relaxed and consident

months in the job.

Minister of Economic Planning

However, he has still to win

over the many sceptics who-

believe his department doomed

to failure. The new ministry

is commonly compared to our

own short-lived Department of

O'Donoghue's main task is to

The old banking slogan " our roots are in our branches" has special meaning for Robin a special meaning for Robin Herbert, who as the end of next year is to become chairman of

and many of those who have foined the new department make little secret of their prim-

make little secret of their prim-ary allegiance to finance. Insiders ask whether O'Donoghue was right to choose Dr Noel Whelan to run the department. Whelan is not a Ministry of Finance man and in

Leopoid Joseph Holdings.
Herbert, who is 43, is an amateur dendrologist—he likes trees and shrubs—and was recently reappointed deputy chairman of the Countryside Commission. Commission. The chairmanship will allow

him to continue as a director of the National Westminster. He is a member of the group which includes Louis Heymont and Prince Rupert Loewenstei and which acquired control of Joseph's merchant banking sub-Sidiary in the early sixties.

Herbert will take over from
Sir Hugh Weeks, 40 years his
senior, Sir Hugh, who has been

winding down a lone City career for some time, tells Business Diary that he hopes

produce a plan for the economy aimed at translating Fianna to write about "the lessons one has learnt". course, easier than making them work The taste for the Gothic apparent in many popular grand-phone records today is spreading to the people who sell them. A notice in one London record shop, we note; says "Shoplifters

THE CITY OF LONDON BUILDING SOCIETY

One Hundred and Fifteenth Annual General Meeting held on Monday 12th December 1977.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. L.G. Kennington summarised the main features of the results of the year's activities as under:

INTAKE OF SHARE AND DEPOSIT CAPITAL £21,417,027 was received and £12,872,287 was repaid leaving £8,544,740 as the surplus. PROFIT This was £237,499 after Corporation Tax. ADVANCES £12,019,733 were advanced compared with £11.464.486 in 1976. The number of mortgages was 1,070

compared with 1,101 in 1976. LIQUID ASSETS Amount to £16,086,411 representing 26.5% of assets. £9,500,000 is available now or within 7 days. RESERVES Stand at 4.00% of net assets. ASSETS £60,602,518 (£51,489,031 in 1976).

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Good gains for gilts, but equities drift

Profits

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share, are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net pre-tax and earnings are net, a Loss, b Dollars, c Rands.

belief that a cut in interest rates is not far away and with- one quarter lower. out the restraint of a long

healthy trade surplus this week account. Hopes that Glaxo's changed at 554p after the was an additional incentive for annual meeting would reverse early buyers which put long-dated stocks more than a full point better in the first two hours of trading.

From 124p to 403p this year is the impressive climb of Pork Farms. One reason, but only one, is gossip of the family eventually selling, possibly to Unilever. Another is the impression that in the year to March 31 next, the group will make as much as £3m and possibly more. Last year profits were £1.9m. The group is a close company, and there could he a scrip issue or income pro-ducing preference issue to spice, say, a 28p net dividend against 8.4p last time.

But from then on the senti-ment deteriorated as the miners threatened industrial action if their colleagues in other areas pursued local productivity deals and retail sales figures for last month revealed some staguation in consumer spending. By the close most of the longer maturities were well

the recent trading gloom from other major industrial com-panies were barely met by a cautious statement and the FT

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Oliver Rix (I) 25.6(26.9)
Rowlinson (I) 6.5(5.3)

Steel & Brntt (F) — (-)

J. Waddington (I) 23.1(18.7)

Ward & Gold (I) 29.2(23.3)

short dates were unchanged to sympathy with Glazo and helped by talk of a favourable brokers Equities once again suffered circular, led the way ahead with from a lack of direction at the a gain of 10p to 667p. Unilever Widespread talk of another start of the long Christmas on the other hand were un-National Starch move dashed hopes of a rise in divi-

> ICI were a more typical issue, ending unchanged at 366p, while Index, two points up at mid- Lucas dipped a penny to 277p day, closed 1.4 lower at 484.5. after its meeting had shown up Lucas dipped a penny to 277p After early strength Glazo the cost of the protracted strike.

> > Latest results

Earnings per share

0.4(4.0a)

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3.29(4.18) 0.7(2.7) 1.4(2.5)

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8.22(0.673)

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Lucas delay on £137m

investment :

The recent ten-week strike by tool makers cost the Lucas group £11m in profits and, as a result, the board has to delay

a £137m capital investment pro-gramme originally planned for

Announcing this at the annual

said the strike for the

meeting in Birmingham yester-day, Mr Bernard Scott, chair-

restoration of wage differentials

had been a severe blow. But he was hopeful that the damage might be recovered over the

year overall. This was dependent on many fatcors and mean-

while the investment pro-gramme would have to be delayed. He stressed that this did not mean that expansion

and modernization projects had

Among the projects which will be pushed through is the

drive to increase Lucas sales in America: A new \$1.5m head-quarters has just been opened in Detroit and a new CAV diesel

injection factory is being built in South Carolina to meet the boom in diesel-engined trans-

Referring to big contracts now being negotiated in Detroit, he believed the world's richest

market was ripe for develop-ment by the British group.

Mr Scott told Business News later: "I cannot say what the

of the strike but it was many

times the film drop in projected profits for the first half of this year (August, 1977, to July, 1978). Wherever possible we shall ensure that investment

plans related to customer con-

could mean that we shall have to delay such things as the replacement of old plant by new."

He said he hoped for new

American business included automotive electrics as well as

diesel injection and aerospace

But what took the market aback was the swing from £155,000 of profits into pre-tax bases of £29,000 in the six months to September 30, and worse, the passing of the time honoured interim dividend of 2p a share net, or just over 3p eross

gross. The usual 2p net final

chief now has more

Share stakes—Newman

Latest news from the Shara

Stakes world is that Newman

clearly in danger.

one-fifth of their European

been abandoned.

only

By Clifford Webb

—(--) 0.37(0.37)

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from Harrison & Crossfield, Spink & Son rose 7p to 291p and another takeover stock to gain ground was M Tussauds, which rose 3p to 52p. Speculative demand lifted Zetters 6p to 49p and there were other firm spots in Manganese Brooze 3p to 64p and BBK 6p to 55p, the latter in active trading.

Over in papers Martin News lost 4p to 226p after trading news and there was an even weaker performance from games

Year's total

--(--) --(3.7) 2.6(2.35) 8.5(7.2) 2.0(1.89)

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Safeway tills ring out

Glaxo stay cautious on US

with the statement and the "totally incorrect." Plans to shares finished only 5p higher open a depot in the area were at 597p:

In reply to the recent allega
Sants depot opened.

on buoyant trading

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Stepping out of line with

any supermarket and food re-

tailing groups whose recent re-sults have failed to meet market

expectations, Saleway Foods Stores turned in a healthy 75 per cent profits increase for the year to October 1.

On sales up 23 per cent from £150m to £185m, the group turned in pre-tax profits of £5.9m against a previous £3.4m.

Although pre-tax margins in

3.2 per cent the group will have to work hard to hold the im-provement in the current year. Mr Terence Sprett, chairman and managing director, reports

that margins are already being trimmed as a result of the High Street price cuts following the

change in pricing policy at Tesco Stores. "This severe competition continues to trim margins and demands even greater efficiency in all areas of business," says the chairman.

takeover finance

A cautious Mr Austin Bide, tion of urcompetitive practice, near by the British group.

He pointed out that Lucas the progress to date after yes- is served by at least five well-ales in America were still terday's annual meeting, said: established wholesalers stock-

"Life gets more difficult and we just try to keep ahead of

the game, but we are not doing me badly."

At the meeting Mr Bide was asked about the possibility of

a dividend boost from the group which next year plans to take

over the Meyer Pharmaceuticals business in the United States.

business in the United States.
Bur Mr Bide remained cautious
as to how the group would
finance its United States takeover. The board at present had
not decided. But Glaxo expects
to complete the takeover of
Meyer some time in February.
The market was disappointed
with the statement; and the

Bad news for Bankers Trust ing the acceptance of the offer of £2m. In the six months to for shares in Dover Engineering.
Ovac at Breat Walker, Mr.

In spice of the reduction of available work, Rowlinson Con-

struction managed to increase its turnover but was unable to maintain the profit levels of previous years. In the event, pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 rose.

from £603,000 to £604,000. Meanwhile the group is

already receiving an increased number of tender inquiries from

the Bristol and West Midlaod regions where it recently opened offices.

Net revenue at Rothschild

Half-time upturn at

Rothschild Inv

Firth forlorn and friendless

Bad news for Bankers Trust ing the acceptance of the offer International, and The Throgomorton Trust who each hold over at Breot Walker, Mr George Walker is fulfilling his shares in GM Firth (Metals); stated aim of rebuilding his the shares fell 6p to 34p yesterday. This is a new 1977 low, and is some distance from the 56p high of some months ago. It was obvious from the September annual report that the world steel slump was harting this steel stockist and merchant.

But what took the market ing the reduction of

slipped 20p to 232p, after 230p. on the group's gloom over the post-Christmas period. In electricals suggestions that Rank's TV manufacturing busi-

ness may be sold to Japan lifted the shares a couple of pence to 244p while Thorn slipped 12p to 356p Henry Wigfall went against the easier trend closing four points better at 146p.

Interest is growing again in Pleasurame. Mr David Rowland sold 28 per cent to Grand Metropolitan in June hus has since purchased a jurther 12! per cent. This implies that control could be passed to either major shareholder or a third party The market seems to think that such a deal may be imminent. The shares have risen from 58p to 71p bid in seven trading days and option dealers have repor-ted a couple of calls as well.

The Australian result gave a lift to uranium issues with Pan Continental £1.50 up at £8.75 and Peko Wallsend 28p ahead at 448p. Equity turnover on December 9 was £84.04m (13,423 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Rank, BP, Beecham, GEC, Burmah, Shell, Comman

In the 12 months under re-view the group opened three new stores to add to its total of

83, and closed one. Some of the supermarkets also had major

remodels and extensions and further facelifts are in the pipe-

And Safeway's growth in Britain has been rapid over the past seven years. In 1970 profits amounted to only £776,000 passing the £1m mark the following year and showing not

so much as a hiccough since.

However, with the Tesco price balloon going up in July, the growth rate in the current period could be slower as righter margins begin to bite.

ing the group's ethical pharma-ceuticals which make deliveries

several times a week to its pharmacist customers in general

pharmacist customers in general and hospital practice.
Glam says this pattern of distribution is quite adequate and that the services of an additional wholesaler in the Stoke-on-Trent area, would provide no material benefit to Glamo's customers or the group.
The appreciant that the fine the control of the customers of the control of the customers of the control of the customers.

The suggestion that the open-ing of a branch of Vestric, a subsidiary of Glazo, in Stoke alongside the established whole-

salers in 1972 was intended to force Samts out of business was

September 30 the group turned in £2.07m against a previous £1.7m, while the net asset value

per share, after allowing for the conversion of part of the loan stock, rose from 183p to 245p: Property income in the period showed a £123,000 loss, against a deficit of £133,000 last time,

Ward & Goldstone

warning on phase III

Ward & Goldstone, manufac-turers of insulated cable, con-

tinued its improvement in the first half of the current year

with profits up from £1.0m to £1.24m despite a fall in the value of non-ferrous meral stocks. Last year the group topped £4m before tax for the

But there is a warning on the widespread industrial trouble over phase three of the counter-inflation policy which is affecting the group.

Sales in the half rose from

523.4m to £29.3m, and the interim dividend is 1.3p gross.

first rime at £4.14m.

cial Union, Zetters, John Wad-dington, Matthew Hall, Pan Continental and Brown Boveri.

springboard for Martin's 36pc climb

By Ray Maughan
The current firm growth in the newsageots and tobacconists market, illustrated last week by NSS Newsagents, is reflected by a 36 per cent pre-tax profit

improvement at Martin the Newsagent in the year to October 2. Profits hir £2.92m which implies growth of 38.4 per cent on an annualized basis on a sales increase of 15 per cent to £64.96m (17) per cent annualized). Like NSS, Martin's drive

has been fuelled by the opening of new stores during the year where the net branch total expanded by 29 to 458 outlers by early October. This year, the board has ear-marked at least £2.5m on expan-sion—partly financed by the £1.25m rights issue in June— which will be mostly used in the purchase of established stores. The balance, the direc-

stores. The balance, the direc-tors explain, will be used on fitting-out some 10 new sites and the redeveloping of six existing branches. From its predominant exposure in the South-East, the group clearly has plenty of scope for geographical expansion for some time to

Martin is confident of further profits growth in 1977-78 but total sales in the nine weeks to December 4 last, while increasing by 16 per cent have been hampered by disruption of supplies through industrial action. Profits, 100, have been affected.

The shares dropped 4p to 226p yesterday where the p/e on stated earnings is an undemanding 5.4. As promised last June, the total gross dividend is hoisted by 51 per cent to 10p

per share. Meanwhile, Mr B. H. S. Martin, chairman, is to hand over to Mr J. B. H. Martin at the end of March to become life president while remaining a

further facelifts are in the pipe-line. A further 13 stores are on schedule to open by 1980. Although only accounting for around one per cent of the United Kingdom retailing mar-ket, the group is an offshoot of the Canadian Safeway itself owned by Safeway Stores of California which claims to be the world's largest supermarket operator. **Oliver Rix** comes back to profit

By Ashley Druker Back in the black, if only just, at halfway, Oliver Rix, the British Leyland distributor,

British Leyland distributor, transport operator, motor factor and insurance broker, reports its first annual trading profit for three years, and accompanied by a considerable strengthened balance sheet.

Mr A. K. L. Stephenson, chairman, says that a recently completed professional valuation of the properties now tion of the properties now shows a surplus over book value. Additionally barrowings have been cut by a further £800,000 and this represents an overall reduction of some £2.1m in the last two years. This has come about through the sale of properties and investments which were either surplus to In the latest 12 months to end-September last, pre-tax profits were £132,000 against a oss of £77,000 on turnover

steady at £26m against £27m. But after extraordinary items 2158,000 compared with £137,000, there is a loss for the year of £56,000 against a loss of £162,000.

Generally, the motor sile improved profitability following the reshaping programme while the transport division once again showed growth in all activities. Industrial also went well as did insurance.

ICI Australia hoists dividend for second year

ICI Australia has raised its dividend for a second year after recording a \$A33.9m (about £25m) profit.

The annual payour rose from 12 to 13 cents a share, with a final of 8 cents.

The group's profit jumped from \$A21.5m to \$A33.9m on a 17.6 per cent revenue increase.

17.6 per cent revenue increase to \$A766.9m. An extraordinary loss came from currency fluctuations and a loss on sales of non-current assets amounting to \$A1.3m.
ICI said the results show an sucouraging improvement but

profit performance, after taking into account the effects of inflation, is only now approaching the levels achieved before the 1974-75 recession. Consumer demand generally continued to be weak but im-proved demand from some industrial sectors enabled most

of the company's plants to operate close to capacity. Sales of heavy chemicals, plastics, fertilizers and pharmaceuticals increased in volume and value, but demand for industrial industrial explosives, while higher than in 1976, did not show the improvement expected, mainly due to slower

New outlets | Waddington's share price reels on forecast §

Monopoly-to-margarine tub manufacturer John Waddington sent the share price reeling in the London stock market vesterday. News that second-half profits are likely to do little leaving them only slightly better at the close, down 20p

Despite a downturn in the Christmas orders for games and puzzles, Waddington managed a 15 per cent profits rise to £2.3m in the 28 weeks to October 16. Sales at the Leedsbased group rose by almost a quarter in the period from 18.7m to £23m. However the group allowed for a £52,000 deprecia-

tion on buildings against til

time round has been the games divisions. Demand from shopkeepers has been down follow-ing last year when they over-ordered in expectation of a bumper Christmas season and found themselves left with sub-

August and October, the first A gloomy forecast from half is historically the main one for this division so the downturn is unlikely to affect second-half results, according to Mr Peter Stephens, company

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secretary. It is the packaging side which more than mark time knocked will put the brake on future 22p off shares at one point growth. The plastics division which includes the manufacture yoghourt and margarine tubs is forging ahead and the improvement shows every sign

of being maintained. However the cartons and labels business is not so healthy. Trade is falling off in line with the economy and Mr Stephens is doubtful if profits can continue at the present levels. Gaps are now showing in production schedules compared to the orders of the cor-responding period last year. general the

previously.

In general the group
The joker in the pack this envisages doing no more than marking time in the second half but the £300,000 profits increase from the first and months will be carried through: to the year end. And for shareholders there is an interimedividend of 7.57p gross; as-promised at the time of the Since these orders leave the rights issue, against a previous.

Waddington factories between 3p.

Fall in timber price hits May & Hassell

A slump coupled with a fall in timber prices following Scandinavian devaluations has bitten hard at May & Hassell. importer, distributor and maker of timber and allied products, with group pre-tax profits for the half-year to September 30 plummeting from £2.4m to £904,000.

Turnover of the Bristol-based group however rose by 11.3 per cent to £25m, but margins collapsed from 10.65 to 3.53 per cent. Meanwhile it pays an interim dividend of 1.42p gross

against 1.27p.

Last week Hellam Group of Notingbatm, an associate company in which May & Hassell has a 50 per cent stake, reported in the company of the company in the company in the company in the company in the company improvement in pre-tax losses from E2m to £730,000. Hallam has sold its cabinet factory with May & Hassell's share of the surplus amounting to £148,000 after tax. This sale greatly beiped towards restricting losses during the first half and

these will be further reduced in the second half.

At present sterling is strong while most exporters' while most exporters' cur-rencies are weak, says Mr John Atley, chairman, who points out that large stocks are universally held while world demand is still depressed.

Back in July, Mr Atley advised the group was under advised the group was under committed to forward pus-chases. Recently part of that buying power has been used to advantage in improving trading. margins, although compared with last year the group remains underbought. A small stock write-down may be appropriate at March, 1978, he

But the prescription of watchful caution" in Mr. Atley's annual statement and his hope for reasonable profit for the year ending next Merch remain. The market remained unba-

pressed yesterday as the shares fell 4p to 67p.

International

Earnings nearly halved at slump-hit Veba

Down with a bump in the first nine months of this year went Vebs, the West German coal mining and electricity combine wherein the Government has a 43.7 per cent holding, and which claims to have more shareholders than any other single European corporation.
Sales held steady at DM20.12
billion but net profits dived from DM152m to DM80m. Electricity sales rose 1.7 per cent but turnover in oil products slipped because the econ-

omy was weak.
Sales and earnings in organic chemicals continued to suffer in the third quarter. The world surplus of plastics and fibres affected sales and earnings, but in the inorganic sector, capacity was in general satisfactorily employed.

Moscow bank loan

A United States \$600m loan agreement has been signed in London for a multicurrency medium-term credit facility for International Investment Bank, Moscow. The seven-year loan rarries an interest rare mergin of 1 per cent over inter-bank rates and the proceeds are to be used in the further development of the Orenburg gas pipeline and for other projects. The pipeline runs from Orenburg pipeline runs from Orenburg to the Western border of the USSR and will have a total

length of 2,750km. The loss was lead managed by Chase Machattan Limited, Bank of Montreal, Compagnie Finan-Manufacturers Hanover Limited with Bank fuer Gemelawicsschaft, The Bank of Tokyo Limited, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, DG Bank, IBJ International, Midland Bank, Moscow Narodny Bank, National Bank of Hungary, National Westminster Bank, The Nippon Credit Bank and The Royal Bank of Canada as

Wagon Lits well set

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Brussels.-Cie Internationale Brussels.—Cie Internationale des Wagons Lits et du Tourisme i reports that the 1977 results will at least equal and probably be higher than those for 1976. In 1976 the group paid a net 27 francs per share dividend us net profits of 47.8m francs. Wagons Lits said that group net turnover in the first nine months of this year rose 8.9 per cent to 5.19 billion frames in the railway sector, by 3.1 per cent to 2.79 billion france in catering and by 16 per cent to 623m france in hotels.

MAM spins 23pc upturn

Management Agency & Music, which handles singers such as Tom Jones Engelbert Humperdinck and Gilbert

Humperdinck and Gilbert
O'Sullivan, turned in a 23 per
cent profits rise for the year to
July 31 last.
In the period turnover rose
from £11.8m to £14m taking
profits, up from a previous
£1.9m to £2.3m.

Apart from its recording
artists MAM is also in record
production, music publishing
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and juke boxies and amusement machines. For shareholders in the group there is a stepped up-divised of 5.5p, making a maximum permitted total for the year of 8.5p. LEICS FLOAT STOCK

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for sale at par of £12m City of
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CAPARO-SINGLO HLDGS At close of business yesterday acceptances of Caparo offer wart 12,280 ordinary, or 0.2 per cent-

into a luxury resort.

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Export Credits Guarantee
Department has guaranteed 59.7m
loan which Lloyds Bank Indepartment has made available to
Hyundai Shipbuilding and Heave,
Industries of S Korea, Loan will
help finance couracts awarded by
Hyundai for United Kingdom
capital goods.

Industries chairman Mr A. F. Bartlett has increased his beneficial interest by 3,600 shares, and his non beneficial investment Trust has climbed on the capital as increased by back to the 1974 interim level a one-for-three scrip issue. stake by 197,883 shares follow-



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£4,246,000 profils—an increase of £1,417,000 (or 50%). Group lumover up to £165,457,000 on which margins were maintained in spile of economic difficulties in many parts of the world. Current taxation £1,434,000 - deferred taxation accumulated now £1,600,000.

At the Annual General Meeting held on December 12, the Chairman Mr. Eric Somow reported on the year ended June 30, 1977.

Total of 832p which is maximum permitted. Covered eleven times. Further capitalisation issue of 1 for 9 ordinary shares. "If Government, removes restrictions, we would be able to propose substantial increase"

Copies of the Report from the Company Secretary, United City Merchants :: Limited, UCM Hones, 3/5 Secretary Place, Princes Street, London WIA: IBB.

FUTURE Since the end of the year, turnover and earnings in all areas of our activities continue at a very satisfactory level Judging by the management returns I can foresee further progress for the current half year and hope that we shall

continue to trade successfully and achieve still higher records."

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MARKET REPORTS

Commodities

Progress made towards Brazil

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Mr Penfield, who is the Brazilian representative for ContiCommodity Services, and has been instrumental in setting up the new contracts, said the plans are to start trading in February, with May as the first delivery mouth.

Brazil, as the largest producer, exporter and second largest consumer ought to be for coffee what Chicago is for soyabeans, Mr Penfield said. It is also a sufficiently important producer of soyabeans and cotton to justify having its own terminal markets, he added.

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he added.

Mr Penfield said the new markets will be based on the already existing modern communications network of the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange, and the experimence of the Sao Paulo Commodity lo: Exchange, which already operates the a cotton futures contract.

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Mr Penfield added that cocoa jould also be a suitable combodity for a Brazilian futures conract, and possibly interest rates ster.

Bank Base Rates

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Consolidated Crdts
First London Secs
C. Hoere & Co
Lloyds Bank
London Mercantile
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Rossminster Acc's 71%
Shenley Trust 91%
TSB 7%
Williams and Glyu's 71% 7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 4%, up to £25,000, 4%, ever £25,000, 5%.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar declined yesterday fternoon after little movement in from a high of \$1.8345 after Scottish coalminers threatened industrial action if area produc-tivity schemes are introduced, Starling forward premiums over the dollar narrowed gradually after the news. Late weakness of the dollar, taking it to 2.1690-1700 marks and 2.1140-50 Swiss francs at one stage, reflects the market's general belief that little more than a statement of support for the dollar, will emerge from the current two-day meeting of central

dollar, will emerge from the current two-day meeting of central bankers in Basie.

Some dealers said the higher cost of domestic interbank money affected sterling forward quotes. The pound closed at \$1.8315, 2 gain of 20 points on the day. The effective index was at 63.4, compared with 62.5 on Friday.

Spot Position of Sterling

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10-20c dise Gold

Discount market

The Bank of England relieved a very hefty shortage of credit in the discount market yesterday by buying an exceptionally large amount of Treasury hills along with a moderate amount of local authority bills. In addition, the Bank lent a large sum oversight at MLR (7 per cent, to two or three houses.

In the face of conditions that brought about this shuation, rates were jammed right up in the 7-62 per cent area nearly all day, only slipping away in the final minutes;

The formidable list of adverse minutes;
The formidable list of adverse factors, included bank balances brought across the weekend in a very run down state, a very heavy settlement for gilt-edged stock sold by the Government Broker on Friday, a fair sized excess of tax payments over Exchequer disbursements of a very large increase in note disculation

Money Market

US signs sugar pact The United States has signed the International Sugar Agreement and urged that the other concerned countries, aumbering more than 60, that have not signed should follow suit at the earliest opportunity.

Wall Street

New York, Dec 12.—The New York stock market closed higher in what was described by one broker as "uninspired" trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 0.52 point to 815.75.

Advancing issues led declines throughout, to close about 715 to about 675.

Volume totalled 18,180,000 shares, compared with Friday's 19,210,000.

Analysts said that investors were waiting for new developments in certain areas, and, when these developments never materialized, they preferred to wait on the sidelines.

One thing which the stock market was looking at was the meeting of central largers in Switzer.

not issue any statement after end-ing talks on the condition of the dollar.

Preliminary indications were that the talks had proved incon-clusive, and this prompted a decline in the dollar against European currencies in foreign exchange trading.

Gold closes \$3,70 down Chicago, Dec 13.—30LD features closed lower in active trading. On the comer prices were \$2.30 to \$2.90 wars. Prices on the IMM wars \$2.10 p \$3.70 lower.

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Rowlinson

Mr. P. J. Rowlinson, Chairman, reports on the half-year ended 30th September, 1977:

- ★ Profit maintained at £603,900 against £602,700. * Profits for full year to be similar to last year. Interim dividend increased by 10%.
- * Bonus scrip issue under consideration.
- * New industrial estates planned.

Rowlinson Constructions Group Ltd., Landon Rouse, London Road South, Poynton, Cheshire SK12 1YP. Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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UK metal stocks Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: copper up 1,225 to 639,125; tin down 535 to 2,605; lead down 125 to 64,500; sinc down 225 to 64,100; silver up 20,000 to 19,500,000 troy ounces.

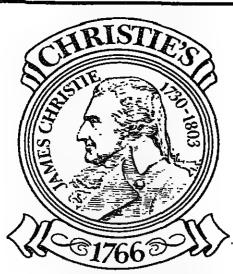
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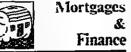
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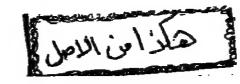
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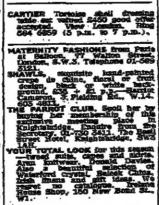
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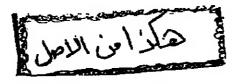
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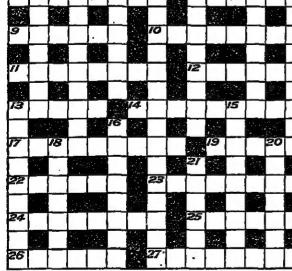
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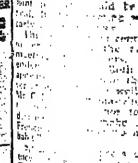
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